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False Love

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Nisekoi is now an anime!

Seeing the characters I created move and talk is both touching and slightly embarrassing...

Still, I'm looking forward to it.

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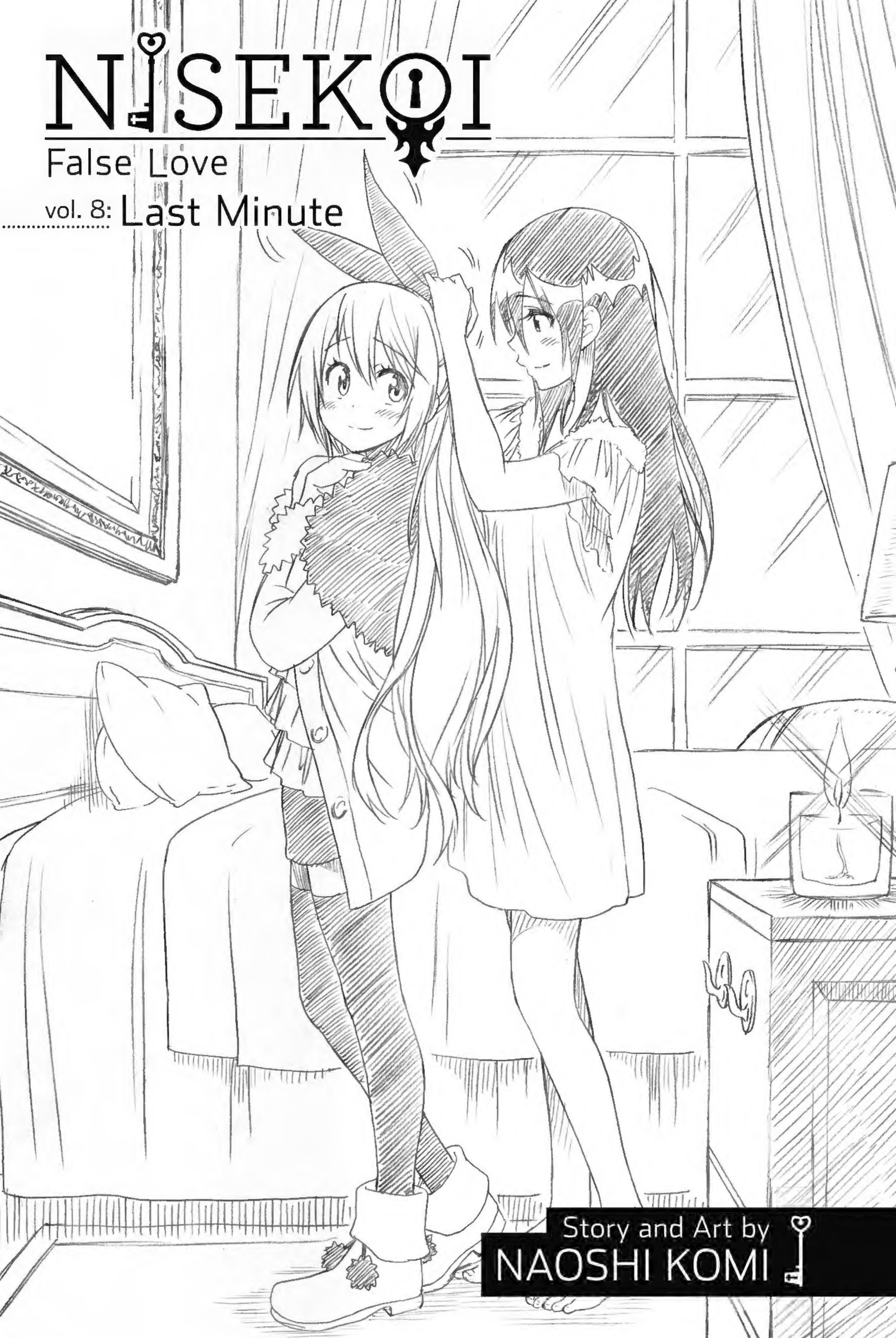

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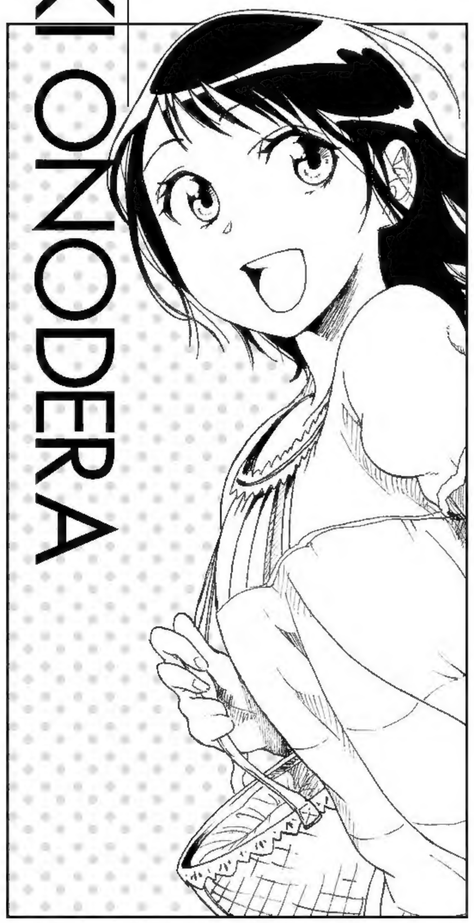
THE STORY THUS FAR

MARIKA TACHIBANA

Daughter of the chief of police, Marika is Raku's fiancée, according to an agreement made by their fathers—an agreement Marika takes very seriously! Also has a key and remembers making a promise with Raku ten years ago.



KOSAKI ONODERA

A girl Raku has a crush on. Beautiful and sweet, Kosaki has no shortage of admirers. She's a terrible cook but makes food that *looks* amazing.

CHITOGE KIRISAKI

A half-Japanese bombshell with stellar athletic abilities. Short-tempered and violent. Comes from a family of gangsters.

RAKU ICHIJO

A normal teen whose family happens to be yakuza. Cherishes a pendant given to him by a girl he met ten years ago. Has a crush on Kosaki.

SEISHIRO TSUGUMI

Adopted by Claude as a young child and raised as a top-notch assassin, Seishiro is 100% devoted to Chitoge. Often mistaken for a boy, Tsugumi's really a girl.

SHU MAIKO

Raku's best friend. Outgoing and girl-crazy. Always tuned in to the latest gossip at school.

RURI MIYAMOTO

Kosaki's best gal pal. Comes off as aloof, but is actually a devoted and highly intuitive friend.

Raku Ichijo is an ordinary teen...who just happens to come from a family of yakuza! His most treasured item is a pendant he was given ten years ago by a girl whom he promised to meet again one day and marry.

Thanks to family circumstances, Raku is forced into a false relationship with Chitoge, the daughter of a rival gangster, to keep their families from shedding blood. Despite their constant spats, Raku and Chitoge somehow manage to fool everyone. One day, Chitoge discovers an old key, jogging memories of her own first love ten years earlier. Meanwhile, Raku's crush, Kosaki, confesses that she also has a key and made a promise with a boy ten years ago. To complicate matters, Marika Tachibana, a girl who claims to be Raku's fiancée, has a key as well and remembers a promise ten years ago. Meanwhile, Chitoge finally admits to herself that she has feelings for Raku. What will become of everyone's love lives?

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CHRIST-MAS MORNING ...

AFTER CHITOGE AND I SAW HANA OFF AT THE AIRPORT, I GOT A CALL FROM SHU.

YO, RAKU!

I KNOW IT'S CHRISTMAS, BUT ARE YOU GUYS FREE?

THE WHOLE CLASS IS HAVING A CHRISTMAS PARTY. YOU GUYS WANNA COME?

HUH?

I THOUGHT THE PARTY WAS YESTERDAY?

WELL, YEAH, BUT...

WE ALL AGREED THAT IT WAS NO FUN WITHOUT YOU GUYS.

WOW!

REALLY?

そわ そわ WIGGLE

WHAAAT?

YIPPEE! LET'S GO!!

WELL, OKAY...

I don't trust you.

COOL. SEE YOU SOON!

BLEEP

WE CAN HARDLY WAIT! ♡

...EVERY LAST JUICY DETAIL!

HEH

HEH

HEH

HEH

HEH

WE'VE GOTTA GET TO THE PENTHOUSE SUITE AT A FANCY HOTEL!!

WE'RE ALL DYING TO HEAR...

Chapter 63: Afterwards

WOW!

CHATTER ザワ..

CHATTER ザワ..

YEAH!
I'M GOING TO GO SAY HI TO EVERYONE!
WELL, YOU GOT YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AFTER ALL!
WE'VE GOT THIS WHOLE PLACE TO OUR-SELVES?!
THE MANAGER'S A FRIEND OF MINE.
DUDE, YOU'RE THE MOST WELL-CON-NECTED TEEN I KNOW...
Cool, every-thing's all decor-ated!
TAK タタタ TAK TAK TAK
...OR AM I JUST IMAGINING IT?
IS EVERYONE LOOKING AT US FUNNY...
SNICKER ニヤ
SNICKER ニヤ
SNICKER ニヤ
SNICKER ニヤ
...SOME-THING'S FISHY.
STILL...
HEY, TACHI-BANA! YOU'RE HERE!
I'M SURPRISED YOU'D COME TO SHU'S PARTY...
OH!
HMM?

W-WHAT'S WRONG, TACHIBANA ?!

YOU LOOK SUPER PALE!

Ha ha...

I'M FINE.

OH, IT'S NOTHING.

?!

T-TACHI-BANA?!

TREMBLE

HOW DO YOU DO?

WELL...

...IF IT ISN'T RAKU DEAREST!

PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.

NO, NO...

I KNOW YOU GET SICK A LOT... MAYBE YOU SHOULD LIE DOWN...

YOU REALLY DON'T LOOK FINE!

SOB!

SIGH

T-TACHI-BANA?!

I NEED A LITTLE FRESH AIR!!

ZOOM

WAAAAAH!!

TA...

TACHI-BANA ?!!

...UNWORTHY OF THE ATTENTIONS OF SOMEONE LIKE YOU, RAKU DEAREST...

I AM BUT A PEBBLE IN THE GUTTER...

HEY, ONODERA!

YOU'RE HERE TOO!

OH!

GOOD MORNING, ICHIJO!

WHAT ...

...WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?!

OH!

HUH?

OH, THANKS.

I'M SO GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT, ICHIJO!

UM, ONODERA? GUESS WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

I WAS TALKING TO TACHIBANA, AND...

OH. YEAH, IT REALLY PILED UP OUT THERE!

HER TRAIN WAS DELAYED BECAUSE OF THE SNOW.

I'M WAITING FOR RURI TO GET HERE.

YEAH, I BROUGHT ONE.

NOTHING FANCY OR ANY-THING...

WE'RE HAVING A GIFT EXCHANGE LATER...

DID YOU BRING A PRESENT?

WHAT'S GOING ON?

ONODERA HASN'T MET MY GAZE THIS WHOLE TIME!

Right...?

...

IS THAT SO? U

I FEEL SORRY FOR WHOEVER GETS IT!

RURI BOUGHT THE WEIRDEST PRESENT FOR THE GIFT EXCHANGE!

...SHE'S ACTING SO WEIRD?

...? HOW COME...

WHY?

NO.

IS SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?

HEY, ONODERA?

SHE'S TOTALLY NOT ACTING LIKE HERSELF... DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?!

WHAT'S THE DEAL?!

So, as I was say-ing...

NO REASON ...

MUTTER MUTTER

IT'S JUST NATURE TAKING ITS COURSE.

THEY'RE BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND.

...SO UPSET?

WHY AM I...

IT SHOULDN'T BOTHER ME AT ALL...

TSUGUMI!

THINGS MUST BE GOING WELL BETWEEN THEM. I SHOULD BE HAPPY FOR THEM.

...BUT IT HAD TO HAPPEN EVENTUALLY.

IT FEELS TOO SOON TO ME...

YOU LOOK UPSET!

WHAT'S WRONG, TSUGUMI?

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE! WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING?

C'MON, IT'S A PARTY! A CHANCE TO LOOK PRETTY!

YOU WORE A SUIT?

MISTRESS...

...

WE WANT TO HEAR ALL ABOUT LAST NIGHT!!

OH, KIRISAKI!!!

LAST NIGHT?

ドキッ!! GASP!

I DO?

Thanks!

LIKE A GROWN WOMAN, ONE MIGHT SAY...

YOU LOOK ESPECIALLY BEAUTIFUL TODAY.

MISTRESS...

THE SUITE WAS SUPER DELUXE! IT HAD A HUGE TUB WITH JETS...

IT WAS AMAZING!

ドキドキ LUB, DUB LUB, DUB

OH, THAT! ♡

THE PENTHOUSE SUITE IN A FANCY HOTEL, REMEMBER?

WE KNOW WHERE YOU WERE!

C'MON, DON'T BE COY!

NO WAY!! THE BED?! NO WAY!!

Titter ♡ Titter ♡

THE BED WAS ENORMOUS, BUT THE MATTRESS WAS A TAD TOO FIRM...

?

YEAH.

ゴフッ!! BLRF

TO-GETHER ?!

WE HAD A NICE LONG SOAK TOGETHER...

OH, HEY, TSUGUMI!

CHITOGE! THERE YOU ARE!!

ビクッ!! JOLT

THE MISTRESS...

...AND RAKU ICHIJO...

ヵラ WORMP

ヵラ.. WORMP

TH-THEY HAD...

...A NICE LONG SOAK... TOGETHER ?!

WAAAAAH!
I...
I...
WAAAAAHH!!

ZOOOOM

...??
WHAT THE...?

TSU-GUMI ?

HOW...

JOOSH!!

!!!

YOU ARE?

COME TO THINK OF IT, EVERYONE DOES SEEM KIND OF ANTSY...

I'M GETTING WEIRD VIBES...

HEY, CHI-TOGE ...

DOES IT SEEM TO YOU LIKE EVERYONE'S ACTING KINDA STRANGE?

?

AFTER THAT?

?

WE'LL TALK MORE LATER... ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT!

SEE YOU, KIRISAKI!

Just us girls, okay?

"Pretty amazing, huh?"

UM...

I THINK ONODERA DID.

WOW, THIS LOOKS GREAT!

PASS IT AROUND!

WHO MADE IT?

COME ON, EVERY-BODY!

IT'S TIME FOR CAKE!!

HUH?

THAT'S STRANGE...

Onodera! You're a great baker!

IT'S GOOD?

WOW, THIS IS DELICIOUS!

ONODERA, THIS IS SO GOOD!

FOR SURE! HER FAMILY OWNS A JAPANESE SWEETS SHOP, YOU KNOW...

CHOMP パク CHOMP パク

STOP, EVERYONE!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!

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CHOMP パク

HOW COME I GET THE FEELING SOMETHING REALLY BIZARRE IS GOING ON?

HOW COME I'M NOT HAPPY FOR HER?

Ha ha...

BUT HOW?!

I THOUGHT ONODERA WAS THE WORST COOK EVER!!

DELICIOUS!

LIGHT AND AIRY, WITH A DELICATE WHIPPED CREAM TOPPING...

...MORE IMPORTANTLY...

AND...

チラッ GLANCE

HUH?

WE WANT ALL THE DIRTY DETAILS, BRO!!

DON'T HOLD OUT ON US, MAN!

Stop! Eek! Not in mixed company, you sleaz-oids!

YOU STAYED IN A PENTHOUSE SUITE WITH KIRISAKI LAST NIGHT!!

OKAY, DUDE ...

SHALL WE GET DOWN TO THE NITTY-GRITTY?

THE NITTY-GRITTY?

AND WHEN YOU'RE DONE, GET READY FOR A POUNDING FROM ALL OF US! A

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO ASCEND THE LADDER TO ADULT-HOOD?

DISH IT, BABY!

Uh-huh! Oh, yeah! Yeah!

IS THAT WHAT EVERYONE'S ALL WORKED UP ABOUT?!

NOBODY ASCEND-ED ANY-THING!!

oooTHAT!!

"WE'VE GOTTA GET TO THE PENTHOUSE SUITE AT A FANCY HOTEL!!"

OH.....

SO THIS AND THAT HAPPENED AND IT WAS CHITOGE'S MOM!

Oh. Why didn't you say so?

Boooor-ing.

LISTEN UP, EVERY-ONE!

THIS IS ALL A BIG MISUNDER-STANDING!

Ah ha ha...
Whee e e

WHAT A MESS!!
SHEESH!

I'M SORRY, OKAY?

I'VE NEVER BEEN SO EMBARRASSED...

WELL, IF YOU HADN'T YELLED THAT STUFF IN FRONT OF EVERYONE YESTERDAY, THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED!

WELL...

NO WONDER IT'S SPECIAL TO YOU.

IT WAS A GIFT FROM YOUR MOM AND ALL.

I SEE YOU DECIDED...

...TO STICK WITH THAT RIBBON.

HMM?

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

HUH?

SO...

WHAT DID YOU AND MY MOM TALK ABOUT WHEN WE SAW HER OFF AT THE AIRPORT?

I WONDER...

...IF HE REMEMBERS THE GIRL WITH THE RIBBON IN THE PICTURE BOOK?

YOU GUYS HAD A LITTLE PRIVATE CONVERSATION, REMEMBER?

HEY...

THANKS. TAKE CARE, MOM.

I'LL SHOOT YOU AN EMAIL EVERY SO OFTEN.

SO LONG, CHITOGE.

YOU WERE MORE OF A HELP THAN I EXPECTED— BOTH IN MY BUSINESS AND PERSONAL LIFE.

I OWE YOU ONE.

AND THANK YOU, KIDDO.

I NEVER EXPECTED THE LITTLE BOY CHITOGE PLAYED WITH TEN YEARS AGO TO TURN UP IN OUR LIVES AGAIN.

I MEAN, WHAT ARE THE CHANCES?

DON'T WORRY— I'LL HOOK YOU UP.

WHEN YOU FINISH HIGH SCHOOL, COME WORK FOR ME.

JUST FOR A FEW DAYS.

BUT I REMEMBER YOU.

WERE YOU AROUND BACK THEN TOO?

SOUNDS KINDA COOL, BUT MOSTLY TERRIFY-ING.

UH...

YOU SEE...

...THERE'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT I'M TRYING TO REMEMBER...

...BUT IT WAS ALL SO LONG AGO...

HMM?

BUT DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS PENDANT?

EXCUSE ME, HANA...

JING...

キャニッ...

...

OH...

Sorry, kid.

HMM...

NOPE. DOESN'T RING A BELL.

WHA...?!

YOU KNEW?!

U U

YOU TWO HAD ME GOING FOR A WHILE WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND-GIRLFRIEND ACT.

HEY, KID...

C'MERE A MINUTE.

??

What're you guys talking about?

OF COURSE.

NOT AT FIRST, THOUGH.

BLRFF

HUH? SURE.

PLEASE ...

...GO SPEND TIME WITH HER!!

PRETEND-ING, HUH? ...

WOULD YOU SPEND THAT TIME WITH CHITOGE?

IF I WORK HARD ENOUGH ...

I'm getting embarrassed

WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING?

I WOULDN'T HAVE WASTED MY TIME PRETENDING AROUND YOU!

HUH?

...JUST PRETENDING?

WERE YOU REALLY... ...

...REALLY JUST AN ACT?

ARE YOUR FEELINGS FOR HER...

TAKE GOOD CARE OF MY DAUGH-TER! ♡

WELL, GOTTA GO!

...

WHAT?

NO FAIR! DON'T BLOW ME OFF!

TELL ME WHAT SHE SAID TO YOU!!

...

NOTHING IMPOR-TANT.

WHAT DID SHE SAY TO YOU?

HEY...

OF COURSE I WAS!

WELL, DUH!

"WERE YOU REALLY JUST PRETENDING?"

I MEAN, I...

...

...

...WAS IN CHITOGE'S FAVORITE PICTURE BOOK!

THAT PEN-DANT...

OH!

NOW I REMEM-BER!

'COURSE, THAT MIGHT BE A FEW YEARS DOWN THE ROAD.

I'LL TELL HIM NEXT TIME I SEE HIM.

OH, WELL.

YOU JUST DIDN'T WANT TO GET UP! ADMIT IT!

RURI, YOU TOTALLY LIED ABOUT THE TRAINS BEING CANCELED!

IF YOU KNEW WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH TODAY...

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ENDED HOURS AGO!

WHAT?!

RIGHT NOW?!

* SIGN: ONODERA

和菓子 おのでら

YEAH.

YEAH...IT TURNED OUT TO BE A MISUNDER-STANDING. SO THAT WAS A RELIEF.

WHAT?

YOU CAN KEEP YOUR WEIRD PRESENT!

U HUH?

THERE'S NO NEED TO APOLO-GIZE!

I DON'T WANT IT!!

A Gift from Ruri
Wear it to school!
What am I supposed to do with this?
You really shouldn't have!

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

MY DAD ROPED ME AND MY FRIENDS INTO HELPING OUT AT THE LOCAL SHRINE.

Yeah!

BRRR!

IT'S FREEZ-ING!

GEEZ. WORKING ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

THANKS A LOT, DAD!

SO THE PRIESTESS IS AN OLD FRIEND OF YOUR DAD'S?

I THINK IT'S AWESOME!

Chapter 64: Shrine-Maidens

REALLY?

WHY?

C'MON, DUDE... THINK ABOUT IT!

OH, RAKU DEAR-EST!!

HOW DO I LOOK?

DO YOU LIKE MY SHRINE MAIDEN OUTFIT?

KA-KLOP

I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU.

YOU LOOK GREAT !!

Ooh;! baby!

WOW, MARIKA !!

YOU'RE SUP-POSED TO BE HELPING US!

HEY! MARIKA TACHI-BANA!

WELL, YOU DO HAVE A POINT...

YOU SHOULD BE DOWN ON YOUR KNEES THANKING YOUR OLD MAN!

PLUS, YOU DON'T SEE A SHRINE MAIDEN THIS CUTE EVERY DAY!

COME ON!! THERE'S NOTHING HOTTER THAN SHRINE MAIDENS! SHRINE MAIDENS!!

WOW, TSUGUMI! YOU LOOK GREAT TOO!

HUBBA HUBBA!

HRF?!

YOU TWO SHOULD ALSO BE HELPING!

GEEZ, SHU'S PRETTY WORKED UP!

WE'RE TAKING A BREAK, MA'AM!

QUIT LAZING AROUND EVERY CHANCE YOU GET!

WHY WOULD I LAUGH?

HUH?

GO AHEAD. YOU CAN LAUGH.

HMPH!

SORRY WE TOOK SO LONG.

ドキッ LUB DUB

HEY, EVERYONE! WE'RE DONE CHANGING!

カラン... KA-KLOP

KLIK パシャ KLIK パシャ

UH... I DUNNO. NO REASON.

...ICHIJO!

THANKS FOR WAITING ...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?! YOU OKAY??

HEY!

PLIP PLIP

ボタボタ…

YEAH... I'M OKAY!

I'M SORRY!

EEK!

BLOOSH

WHAT THE ...?!

I KNOW, RIGHT?

SHRINE MAIDENS RULE!

SHUP

ガシ!!

HEY, SHU?

...

YEAH?

CHECK OUT THAT BABE IN THE KIMONO OVER THERE!!

HEEEEY!

Ooh, mama!!

I DIDN'T NOTICE YOU THERE.

OH, HI, RURI!

...SHOULD WE RESUME PRACTICING OUR LION DANCE?

Yay!

NOW THAT WE'VE SEEN ALL THE GIRLS IN THEIR SHRINE MAIDEN GETUPS ...

WELL ...

ARE YOU SICK? WHAT'S WRONG?

BUT I'VE HAD A WEIRD CHILL SINCE YESTERDAY MORNING...

NO...

ACHOOO!!

AAA...

Not- that- I- care- but- take- this- punch!!

YO, BABES. ALL CHANGED AND READY TO GO?

SEE YOU.

YEAH. YOU TOO.

WELL, GUESS WE'D BETTER GET BACK TO WORK. SEE YOU IN A BIT.

I WON'T WORK YOU KITTENS TOO HARD. TAKE IT EASY, OKAY?

THANKS FOR COMIN' ON SHORT NOTICE.

YES, MA'AM!

THIS FUNKY OLD LADY'S THE PRIEST-ESS?!

YOU ALL LOOK GREAT.

OKAY, OKAY!

OH! THE PRIEST-ESS!

YES, WE'RE ALL CHANGED!

スパ……
FWOO

BY THE WAY...

DO YOU SWEETIES KNOW THAT KID WITH THE BLACK HAIR OVER THERE?

HUH?

YOU MEAN RAKU?

YEAH, WE KNOW HIM.

HE'S IN BAD SHAPE.

COULD BE DANGEROUS IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING.

...??

WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?

REALLY ?!

THIS PRIEST-ESS...

...IS ACTUALLY A SUPER POWERFUL MEDIUM!

?!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, ONODERA?

AHH... SOR-RY!

IT'S JUST THAT...

SHE USED TO BE VERY FAMOUS AROUND HERE.

EVERYONE FROM MY GRANDMA'S GENERATION KNOWS ABOUT HER.

MY GRANDMA ASKED HER FOR HELP A NUMBER OF TIMES.

IN FACT, SHE ONCE SAVED THE WHOLE TOWN FROM A CRISIS.

WOW

NOW, NOW. YOU'RE MAKING ME BLUSH!

THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.

UM, MA'AM? IS SOME SORT OF DEMON HAUNTING ICHIJO?

YES. A RATHER TROUBLE-SOME ONE, IN FACT.

HUH?

SPLAT チャ!!!

BUT...

NOTHING SEEMS ESPECIALLY DIFFERENT ABOUT HIM...

SHLOOP!! シルフ

A BANANA?! WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?

WAAAAH!!

SQUAWK ギャー

EW, WHAT'S THIS?! BIRD POOP?!

HA HA! VERY FUNNY!

WHAT'S THE MATTER? FEELING CRAPPY?

GEEZ, TOUGH BREAK!

SQUAWK ギャー

WHAT KIND OF DEMON IS IT, MA'AM?

OH NO!

AS A MATTER OF FACT... HRM...

ガン KONK

ゴン BONK

ガン KRASH

Raku ?!

Aaaugh!!

Nooo! Not the staaairs !!

THE END OF THIS YEAR??

BUT IT'S NEW YEAR'S EVE!

THERE ARE SEVERAL POSSIBLE METHODS.

DON'T WORRY.

IF WE DON'T MANAGE TO EXORCISE HIM BY THE END OF THE YEAR, HIS LIFE MAY BE IN DANGER!

HIS LIFE?!

WHOOO

WHOOO

PERHAPS YOUR FRIEND'S BEEN A BIT TOO LUCKY THIS YEAR...

HE'S INCURRED THE VENGEFUL SPIRIT OF UNLOVED MEN!

MAYBE WE COULD START WITH SOMETHING ELSE...

It's very good at exorcising demons!

That'll kill him!

THE FASTEST METHOD IS A GOOD WALLOP WITH THE TEMPLE BELL'S STRIKER.

...OR THE TECHNIQUES WON'T WORK!

HE CAN'T KNOW THAT WE'RE EXORCISING HIM...

THERE'S JUST ONE THING WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OF.

JUST STICK IT TO HIS BODY, AND IT'S AN INSTANT DEMON K.O.!

Only one in existence!

IT'S A SPECIAL EXORCISING TALISMAN I MADE MYSELF!

OH, ALL RIGHT.

WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S TOO VENGEFUL A SPIRIT FOR SALT OR OTHER BASIC METHODS, BUT THIS SHOULD WORK.

HIS BUTT.

YES. BUT NOT JUST ANYWHERE ...

WE JUST HAVE TO STICK IT SOMEWHERE ON HIS BODY, RIGHT?

NO PROBLEM! I'LL DO IT!

WHERE IS THAT?

???

...AND NEAREST THE AREA WHERE EVIL WASTES ARE EXPELLED.

ON THE PART OF THE BODY NEAREST THE DANTIAN, WHERE CHI IS GENERATED...

I NEED YOU TO DO SOME-THING FOR ME.

AHEM!

UM... WELL...

WHAT?

COUGH エッン

COUGH エッン

WHAT'S UP?

OH, HEY, CHITOGE.

RAKU? COME OVER HERE..

SPLSH パシャ...

MY CLOTHES? YOU MEAN JUST MY TOP, RIGHT?

W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

? ??

UM... WELL, ACTUALLY...

TAKE OFF ALL YOUR CLOTHES. RIGHT NOW.

WHAT?!

WAIT! STOP!!

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?!

NOW, QUIT DAWD-LING!

SPLSH

NEVER MIND THAT. HERE ...

HEY!!

I SAID STRIP!!

WHAAAT?!

I SAID EVERY-THING!! SO TAKE IT ALL OFF! HURRY UP!!

OH NO... THE TALIS-MAN!

Augh!! The talis-man!!

SO MUCH FOR THAT TRICK.

Huh? The what??

SLOOSH

じわぁ…

YOU COULD HUG HIM FOR A FULL MINUTE.

...WHAT?

HMM... LET'S SEE...

WELL, HERE'S ANOTHER IDEA...

I'LL DO WHAT-EVER IT TAKES!

I'LL GO NEXT, MA'AM!

HEY!!

I'VE GOT THIS!!

WHAT DID YOU SAY??

WAIT!

I'LL DO IT!!

IT'S WORTH A TRY.

I SEWED THOSE SHRINE MAIDEN GARMENTS MYSELF. THEY HAVE SOME EXORCISING PROPERTIES, THOUGH NOT VERY MUCH.

YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE THIS.

A MINUTE AGO, CHITOGE CAME UP AND...

WHOOO

OH, HI, ONODERA!

ICHIJO?

HUH?

DON'T TALK.

JUST HOLD STILL.

SHUPッ…!

…ALL OF A SUDDEN, SHE…

SKWEE

コチ——————ン

HUSHHHH

OH…

SHOOP

タッ…!

WELL, BYE.

…

SHF…

スル…

FWHSH

ザワ

WHSH

ザワ…

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT??

WHOA!

くわっ!!

HMM.

Me too!!

RUSTLE RUSTLE

ガサガサ…

ゴーン

DOOOONG

UH-OH.

THIS IS BAD.

THE TEMPLE BELL IS RINGING.

DOOOONG

AFTER ALL THAT?!

The spirit's still there.

IT DIDN'T WORK.

IF HE DRINKS THIS HOLY WATER, IT'LL PURGE THE SPIRIT FOR SURE.

IT WORKS VERY QUICKLY.

ﾅﾝﾄｶﾅｯﾄｰ...!
SHOOP

MY FINAL TRUMP CARD.

ﾎｯ……
WHEW!

WE'LL DO ANY-THING!!

ISN'T THERE ANY-THING WE CAN DO, MA'AM?

WELL, THERE'S ONE LAST THING.

I CAN'T GUARANTEE HIS SAFETY BEYOND THAT.

WHEN IT'S FINISHED, THE YEAR WILL BE OVER.

NO!

THERE'S NO TIME LEFT.

...MOUTH TO MOUTH!

BUT IT HAS TO BE DONE...

...KISS?!

A...

YOU MEAN...

ﾄﾞｸﾝ...

LUB DUB...

ﾄﾞｸﾝ...

LUB DUB...

YOU MEAN...

...TO MOUTH!

MOUTH...

HUHR!

HEY!!

WHERE'D MARIKA TACHI-BANA GO?!

HUH?

MAMU MEAR-EFF!

?!

WHAT ON EARTH?!

WHA ...?

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

?!

ACK!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT YOU'RE SCARING ME!!

MFF M MMRF MAMU MEAREFF!

CHERE I COME, RAKU DEAREST!!)

TAK TAK TAK

WHY ARE YOUR CHEEKS ALL POOFED OUT?

T-TACHI-BANA?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

YIKES!!

THREE MORE BEHIND HER!!

YOU GUYS CAN ACTUALLY UNDER-STAND EACH OTHER?

THAT'S EVEN SCARIER!!

ORMFF!!
(BLAH BLAH BLAH...)

YAP ギャー

HRM MRF MMR HRFM MRR?

(OH, REALLY? YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF MORE QUALIFIED TO STEAL A KISS FROM MY DARLING RAKU?)

MRFR MRF MRR, MFFHMHMR!!

(HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, MARIKA! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!!)

YAP ギャー

YAP ギャー

YAP ギャー

AIEEEEEE!!

ARGH! WHY'RE THEY CHASING ME?!

ナっ GLANCE!!

CUT IT OUT!!

モグオー!!! MRGRFF!!

AAAAAUGH!!

あああああ

FWAMM

EEEK! MY DAR-LING RAKU!!

ICHI-JO?

RAKU?

FWUMP

WORMP

OW...

...

NOW YOU CAN MAKE A FRESH START ON NEW YEAR'S DAY!

ANYWAY, AT LEAST THE EVIL SPIRIT'S GONE!

Ha ha ha!

YEAH...

I GUESS SO.

THROB

THANKS, EVERY-ONE.

OH...

ouch...

WELL, IF YOU HADN'T BEEN SO UNCOOPER-ATIVE...

EVEN THOUGH IT'S HARD TO FEEL APPRECIATIVE RIGHT NOW...

SO THAT'S WHAT THIS WAS ALL ABOUT?

11P-F300

BUT I STILL FEEL LUCKY.

KIND OF A LET-DOWN...

SO THAT'S WHY ONODERA DID THAT...

Sigh

OH!

...SEEM FAR FROM OVER.

Yeah.

You okay?

BUT THIS KID'S GIRL TROUBLES...

THE VENGE-FUL SPIRIT HAS BEEN PURGED...

BOY, OH, BOY.

FWOO

フゥ〜〜...

Some cake or melon or caviar would be nice too!
Got anything to drink? I'm thirsty!
Happy New Year! I'm back, Granny!
Welcome home, baby!
Ain't got none of that stuff!

Chapter 65: Transformation

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

CHITOGE WAS SUPPOSED TO COME BY FOR NEW YEAR'S, AND SHE WAS INVITED TO STOP IN FOR LUNCH.

DING-DONG

YOUNG MASTER!! YOU GOT COMPANY!

COMING!

TMP

TMP

トン…

SHEESH!

IS THIS WHOLE THING REALLY NECESSARY?

SHF...

ガラッ

HEY.

G'MORNING, CHITO...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WHAT'RE YOU ALL DOING HERE?

WHY THE FANCY KIMO-NOS?!

HEE HEE! WELL? ARE YOU SURPRISED?

HAPPY NEW YEAR, ICHIJO!

HAPPY NEW YEAR, RAKU DEAREST!

WH-

WH-

WHA...

YO, RAKU!

HAPPY NEW YEAR, DUDE!

HEY, HEY, HEY!

EXCUSE ME.

So, it's all good!

THE YOUNG MISTRESS CALLED IN ADVANCE, SO WE'RE PREPARED FOR ALL YOUR FRIENDS!

NOT TO WORRY, YOUNG MASTER!

WHOA, WHOA ...

You were in on this?

WE WERE ALL TALKING, AND WE FIGURED WE MIGHT AS WELL ALL COME.

THEN, WE'LL MAKE OUR FIRST SHRINE VISIT OF THE NEW YEAR!

WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERY-BODY!

YEAH, BUT...

* IT IS A JAPANESE TRADITION TO VISIT A SHINTO SHRINE AT THE START OF A NEW YEAR.

A LITTLE ADVANCE NOTICE WOULD'VE BEEN NICE...

...

WHAT A WAY TO START THE YEAR--A WHOLE GANG OF HOTTIES RIGHT AT YOUR DOOR!

♡

Score, dude!

YOU LUCKY DOG, RAKU!

!

SO, RAKU DEAREST...

ARE YOU ALWAYS IN JAPANESE STYLE CLOTHES AROUND THE HOUSE?

ooo

WHY ARE YOU TAKING NOTES?!

You look ravishing!

NOT IN THE LEAST LITTLE BIT!

...

NOT AT ALL.

SHAKKA

SHAKKA

ブン!!

ブン!!

Oh, good!

DO I LOOK... WEIRD?

...

OF COURSE...

...IT WAS A SURPRISE, ALL RIGHT...

Welcome!

Wow, what a feast!!

Ooh! My darling Raku's home!

THANKS FOR HAVING US!

...IS A PRETTY SWEET WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR.

I dunno.. just go for it!

How do we sit in these kimonos?

HUFF

HUFF

Aroma therapy! ♡

HAVING A FLOCK OF CUTIES COME OVER...

...BUT SHU HAS A POINT.

Should we go to the shrine soon?

Let's chill here a bit and then go!

SHEESH!

DANG, YOU EAT A LOT...

Puh-lease ?

A LITTLE DESSERT, MAYBE?

HEY, DARLING... GOT ANYTHING SWEET TO EAT?

CHATTER わいわい CHATTER

CHOCO-LATES?

THIS SHOULD DO IT.

She doesn't usually like Japan-ese sweets...

HAVE WE GOT ANYTHING FOR DESSERTS?

HMM...

* KARUTA IS A TRADITIONAL CARD GAME PLAYED AT NEW YEAR'S.

HIC...

Hee hee!

Yawn

Aw, you got me!

Here, everyone! Pass 'em around!

Who wants to play karuta?

Phew

キャッ YAP

YAP キャッ

WELL, AT LEAST EVERY-ONE'S HAVING FUN.

HERE YOU GO, HONEY.

YAY, THANK YOU!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE PLAYING *KARUTA*?

WHAT'S WRONG, HONEY?

HEY, SUGAR PUMPKIN ...

...

HUH?

TUNK

WHAT WAS THAT?

WAIT, DIDN'T WE ALREADY TALK ABOUT THIS?

WELL, THEN... ...

WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?

I MEAN, NO, BUT...

ooo

WHAT?

HAVE YOU EVER KISSED A GIRL?

WOULD YOU LIKE...

...TO KISS ME?

ARE YOU CRAZY?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
HUH ?
PANIC PANIC
WHAAAT ?!
WH...
SWOON
Heh heh
HMM ?
RUSTLE
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG?! YOUR FACE IS BEET RED!!
HIC ?
WORMP
Eh heh heh heh heh heh heh heh heh heh
WHISKEY BONBON ...?
THE WRAP-PERS... ...FROM THE CHOCO-LATES.

AAAUGH!! CALM DOWN, CHITOGE !!

YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON!!

KISS ME, I SAID!

GO 'HEAD. KISS ME.

DON'T WORRY... I'LL LETCHA KISS ME...

AW, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'VE NEVER KISSED A GIRL AT YOUR AGE! (TEE HEE!)

Tee hee hee hee hee hee hee

SHOOP ズイ...

...YOU'RE DRUNK ON WHISKEY BONBONS?!

DON'T TELL ME...

Tee hee hee hee

OH, FOR PETE'S SAKE!!

グラ.. WORMP

グラ.. WORMP

WAAAAH!

I SAID, NO WAY!!

C'MON NOW ...

NO WAY!!

C'MON...

NO!

AW, PLEASE?

WHAAAT?!

SNAP

ムチ—!!!

BUT YOU KISSED MARIKAAAA !!

...

BUT YOU KNOW...

WHAT?

ON WHISKEY BON-BONS?

BOY, KIRISAKI REALLY CAN'T TAKE THE HARD STUFF!!

THIS AND THAT HAPPENED... AND THEN...

I had two or three, but I'm fine.

WHAT'RE YOU UP TO?

HEY, RAKU...

TK TK TK... ZZZ...

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME!!

HEY, SHU!!

...YA DUNDER-HEAD?!

☆

FWAP!!

バッ!!

WHAT-CHA TALKIN' 'BOUT...

COULD YOU QUIT BEING AN IDIOT FOR A MINUTE?

...

Thumbs up!

...ABOUT GIRLS WHO CAN'T HANDLE THE HARD STUFF!

THERE'S SOME-THING HOT...

It's cute!

ドガァァァン!!

KRASH

TEE HEE HEE HEE...

T-TACHI-BANA...?!

YIKES!! SHU...?!

グォン

FLIP

FLIP

グォン

T-TACHI-BANA?!

DON'T TELL ME... NOT YOU, TOO?!

RAKI-POO, RAKI-POO!

WHY, IF IT AIN'T MY BELOVED RAKI-POO!!

Ohhhh!

Ahhhh!

TA-DAA!!

ブッ

BWA-HA-HA!!!

UM, I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING FUNNY...!!

HEY, WASN'T THAT A GOOD ONE? ☆

OH, RAKU... YOU RAKU MY WORLD! ♡

THIS IS EVEN WORSE THAN I THOUGHT!!

THIS IS BAD!!

AAH! TACHI-BANA! STOP!!

SAY UNCLE OR I'LL BUST YER GLASSES!!

SAY UNCLE!

HEYA, MAIKO... GIVE UP YET?

ギギギギギ...

K-K-K-KRUNCH

Found a chair!

Fuh fuh fuh fuh

YOU GOT HIM, OKAY?

HUH?

RAKU ICHIJO!

ボソ... MUTTER

SQUISH

HLF?

BLUSH...

...

OF COURSE I AM!

HMM?

OH, IT'S YOU, TSUGUMI!

AT LEAST YOU'RE OKAY, RIGHT?

NO! SHE'S NOT OKAY EITHER!!

YOUR LIPS LOOK SO SOFT...

Huh?

TSUGUMI? WHAT'S UP?

OH...

UM... ER...

LUB DUB...

LUB DUB...

OH...

YOUR LIPS ARE HARDER THAN I THOUGHT...

KISSY

KISSY

THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL!

ACK!! FOR REAL? W-W-WAIT!!

AAH!! TSU-GUMI!

AAAGH!!

TSUGUMI! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

A LITTLE... SMOOCHIE ?!

Did I hear that right?

OH...

NOTHING... JUST A LITTLE SMOOCHIE...

BLAB
BLAB
BLAB
BLAB
BLAB
THE NATIONAL DEBT'S REACHING A CRITICAL POINT AND UNEMPLOYMENT SHOWS NO SIGNS OF ABATING, WHILE SEVERELY DECLINING BIRTHRATES ARE CAUSING DIVERSE ADVERSE AFFECTS ON SOCIETY, AND THE GOVERNMENT SEEMS COMPLETELY PREOCCUPIED WITH RAISING TAX RATES...
OH NO! NOT MIYAMOTO TOO!!
BLAB
BLAB
HUH?
WELL, WELL, ICHIJO. GOT YOUR HANDS FULL, I SEE!
WISH I COULD SAY THE SAME FOR JAPAN.
OF COURSE.
WHAT?
I figured...
OH, HI, MIYAMOTO! YOU'RE OKAY, AREN'T YOU?
Tee hee ♡
WHSH
WHSH
WAIT!
IS SHE OKAY?
WHAT ABOUT ONO-DERA?
OH! IT'S YOU, ICHIJO!
JOLT !!
ビッ!!

OOOH, IT'S SO HOT IN HERE!

WHAT?!

I'LL GET YOU ALL SOME COLD WATER...

OKAY, WAIT RIGHT THERE.

ぬぎっ!!
SHOOP

BLRF!!

!!?

?!

UH... ONODERA... ARE YOU OKAY?

YOU DON'T LOOK OKAY.

IT'S ICHIJOOO !!

Hee hee!

I FEEL ALL SOFT AND FLOATY. IT'S NICE!

OH, I'M FINE!

OH!

TUG

ﾌﾞﾚ...

HMM ?

ﾌﾞﾚTUG ﾌﾞﾚ...

HUH? HOW COME?

わあお
WAAAH

AAAAH
おおお

Y-YIKES!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING, ONODERA! STOP!!

Phew!

CAN YOU UNDO THIS FOR ME?

ICHIJO...

くてん...FLOP

Hahh...

SHOOF...
ﾕﾙﾙ...

NOOOOOO!!

SHOOP

YOU KNOW, ICHIJO...

Like a girl!

YOU HAVE AMAZING SKIN!!

AIEE!!

NO! THAT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA!! I JUST TURNED OFF THE HEAT! OKAY?

BUT IT'S SO HOT IN HERE!

HELP ME TAKE THIS OFF!!

AWW... No fair!

OH! ♡

RUMPLE RUMPLE...

NO!! I CAN'T HANDLE THIS!!

I CAN'T TAKE IT!!

STROKE...

WOW, I WISH MINE WAS THIS NICE!

IT'S SO SOFT AND SMOOTH!

ACK!!

STOP!!

TREMBLE

SHF...

YOUR HAIR TOO...

IT'S SO SILKY!

OOH, LET ME TOUCH IT SOME MORE!!

YIKES!!

YOINK

...GET OUT OF HERE!!

I'VE GOT TO...

VOOSH

Awww...

...LIKE ME?

DO YOU...

WHAT ?!

HUH?? U U

CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHIN'?

HEY.

CH-CH-CHITOGE??

HOWL

わっ

WHAT?!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!!

I MEAN, OF COURSE I LIKE YOU!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

D'YOU LIKE ME, OR DONCHA?

WELL, DO YOU?

WE'RE DATING, REMEM-BER?

スンスン SNIFFLE

IF YOU DON'T ...

...TELL ME...

HIC えぐ

...YOU LIKE ME...

I JUST TOLD YOU!!

You're scaring me!!

WAAAAH !!

TELL ME YOU LIKE ME, YOU JERK!!

LIKE, HOW A GUY... LIKES A GIRL.

I MEAN, Y'KNOW ...

ごろり WORMP WORMP ごろり

YOU'RE S'POSED TO BE MY BOY-FRIEND!

WE'RE DATING, RIGHT?

ME TOO! ME TOO!
ALLOW ME!!
COUNT ME IN!
HEY, WHADJA SAY?
ゾワ..
ゆらり...
!SHF
LOOM
W-WAIT! STOP, EVERY-ONE!!
AIEE!!
SHP SHP
ゾワ ゾワ..
I'LL BEAT YOU TO A PULP.
WHAT?!
グス..
SNIFFLE
YEEP !!
WHMP
TSU-GUMI !!
PLEASE... LET'S FORGET THIS EVER HAP-PENED!!
じ(ii-i)...
TMP
TMP
CALM DOWN! LET'S TALK THIS OVER!!
AH...
EEK!!
じ(ii-i)...
TMP
TMP
じ(ii-i)
WAIT!! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?!
HELP!!
PLEASE!! SOME-ONE, HELP ME!!
TMP
PLEASE STOP!!
じ(ii-i)...

ビクッ…！
JOLT

HMM?

SQUIRM
もぞ
もぞ…
SQUIRM

MM…

I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING AFTER THAT.

I REMEMBER EVERYONE COMING OVER…AND THEN…

DID I… FALL ASLEEP?

…

GUESS I'LL SLEEP A BIT MORE...

MY HEAD HURTS.

WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER.

もそ"
SQUIRM

もそ...
SQUIRM

BUT I THINK I HAD A TERRIBLE NIGHT-MARE...

ZZZZ

CHITOGE: NOTHING HAPPENED TODAY. RIGHT, EVERYONE?

OTHER THREE: RIGHT...

"JOLT!!!
"Hn!!!
No... It's no use.
I feel like I'm on the verge of remembering...
Wait ...
?

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Chapter 66: Changing Seats

OKAY, EVERYONE! LISTEN UP!

...AND THE THIRD TRIMESTER BEGAN.

WINTER VACATION WAS OVER...

...CHANGE SEATS!

IT'S TIME TO...

We'll draw numbers!

SO, LET'S GET RIGHT TO IT!

ガヤ CHATTER ガヤ CHATTER

AWESOME! わい YAY! わい

I FORGOT TO DO SEAT REASSIGNMENTS WHEN WE STARTED THE SECOND SEMESTER. WELL...

Whaaat?!

Aw, man!

YES...

CHATTER わい

わい CHATTER

Nice! I can't wait!

WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE SEATS?

IT'S WEIRD SHE'S DOING IT AFTER ALL THIS TIME.

THAT MEANS... IF WE CHANGE...

THAT MEANS...

CHANGING SEATS?!

HEY.

I GUESS WE WON'T BE NEIGH-BORS ANYMORE.

OH, NO!

...NEXT TO RAKU ANYMORE?

I WON'T BE...

!!

ARE YOU GLAD TO BE RID OF ME?

SO...

I'M SURE YOU'LL BE FINE WITHOUT ME.

OF COURSE ...

...YOU'VE MADE LOTS OF FRIENDS NOW.

I'D LIKE TO SIT NEXT TO MY BELOVED RAKU!

TEACHER!

COME UP IN ROLL-CALL ORDER TO DRAW A NUMBER.

I TOLD YOU, WE'RE DRAWING NUMBERS!

Ha ha!

Oh yeah?

O-OF COURSE I AM!

IT'LL BE A RELIEF NOT TO BE SITTING NEXT TO A STUPID BEAN SPROUT ALL THE TIME!

I WON'T MISS HIM AT ALL!

カサ…
RUSTLE

I WON'T MISS THAT STINKY OLD BEAN SPROUT…

LUB DUB ドキ…

LUB DUB

ドキ…

YEAH! WHAT DO I CARE IF HE ISN'T NEXT TO ME ANYMORE!

TA-DAA!

OH GREAT... I'M BY *YOU?!*

YOWZA! DUDE, WE LUCKED OUT!!

HI, ICHIJO!

WOW... WE ALL WOUND UP TOGETHER!

YIPPEE! I'M RIGHT BEHIND MY BELOVED RAKU!!

YAY! わい

YAY! わい

わい YAY!

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!!

YIKES!

A GUY I'VE NEVER SPOKEN TO IS NEXT TO ME!

MY NAME'S YAMADA. I GUESS WE'RE NEIGHBORS!

LET'S BE FRIENDS!!

THUMBS UP!

グッ...!!

EXCUSE ME, KIRISAKI...

girl girl girl girl boy girl boy boy boy boy boy boy boy boy Chitoge boy

THERE AREN'T EVEN ANY GIRLS NEAR ME, LET ALONE MY FRIENDS! HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?!

COME TO THINK OF IT, I'VE REALLY NEVER TALKED TO ANY OF THE BOYS ASIDE FROM RAKU AND SHU...

I DON'T REMEMBER THIS GUY EVEN BEING IN OUR CLASS!

LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED ANYTHING!

SO, YOU'RE BEHIND ME? THE NAME'S GORISAWA.

THUMBS UP!

CAN'T WE HAVE A DO-OVER?

WHINE

I WANTED TO SIT IN THE BACK!

WHINE

THIS BITES! THERE'S NO GIRLS ANYWHERE NEAR ME!

Oh, Raku Dearest!!

What a freaky arrangement!

HOPE CHITOGE'S OKAY ALL ALONE BACK THERE... ...

?!

REALLY?!

SURE, WHY NOT?

Heh heh

THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE HAVING A DO-OVER!

TEE-HEE! IT'S NO USE COMPLAINING!

ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE.

PLEASE DRAW A NEW NUMBER!

KTUNK

ゴト…

PHEW!

I'M GOOD WITH FOSTERING SELF-DETERMINATION AND WHATNOT.

WELL, IT'S THE THIRD TRIMESTER...I'M SURE EVERYONE HAS SOME PERSONAL PREFERENCES.

...AT?!

WH...

Uh, teacher? For real?

TA-DAA!

WHAAAAT?!

WH..!

YI...

YIKES !!

TSUGUMI !!

Hooray! I'm so glad to be next to a friend!!

...REALLY HAPPENING?!

IS THIS...

WHA-WHA-WHA-WHAAAT?!

UM...

GO EASY ON ME... OKAY?

I...

I...

TACHI-BANA!

MARIKA!

.ulterior motives, no doubt!

ON WHAT GROUNDS?!

DA-DA-DUM!

?!

I DEMAND ANOTHER DO-OVER!

WHAT NOW?!

FINE BY ME.

?!

WHA...?!

ガーーーン!!

LIAR!!

?!

I CAN'T BE NEXT TO A WINDOW. TOO MUCH SUNLIGHT WILL KILL ME!

ANOTHER DO-OVER...

TA-DAA!
バーン!!

ガタ..
SHF

ANOTHER DO-OVER, PLEASE. THIS SEAT MAKES ME FEEL FAINT.

WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW, RURI!

RURI?!

That was quick!

TA-DAA!
バーン!!

AND SO IT WENT...

DO-OVER AFTER DO-OVER...

NO WAY! I'M NOT SITTING NEXT TO YOU!!

DO-OVER!

DO-OVER!

TA-DAA!
バンバンバン

スル..
SHF

C'MON...

LUB DUB
ドクン

?

ドクン
LUB DUB

C'MON...

NO COMPLAIN-ING THIS TIME!

OKAY!

WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME! THIS ONE IS FINAL!

EEEEEEEK!!

TA-DAA!!

YIPPEE!

YIPPEE!

YIPPEE!

MY TIME ...

...HAS FINALLY COME!!

MY LITTLE CUP OF JOY OVER-FLOWETH!

I'LL BE RIGHT BY YOUR SIDE EVERY SINGLE DAY!

OH, RAKU DEAREST, I'M OVER-JOYED!

スリ スリ スリ SNUGGLE SNUGGLE

MAN...I'M IN FOR IT NOW!

OKAY OKAY... GET OFF ME, WOULD-JA?

THIS ONE IS FINAL, REMEM-BER?

QUIET IN THE CHEAP SEATS!!

DO-OVER!!

DO-OVER!!

That's right!

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING. NEVER FEAR, YOUNG MAN...

WHAT?

Why're you striking a pose?

WHAT IS IT, SHU?

WHY, HELLO...

...MY TROUBLED FRIEND!

ニヤリ GRIN

???

WHAT-CHA TALKIN' 'BOUT?

A MAGIC TRICK THAT WILL MAKE YOU SO GRATEFUL, YOU'LL WANT TO BUY ME A BURGER WITH FRIES AND A DRINK!

A VERY, VERY SPECIAL KIND OF MAGIC.

I'M ABOUT TO WORK A KIND OF MAGIC ON YOU.

I HAVE BAD EYESIGHT. CAN I TRADE WITH RAKU AND BE UP FRONT?

TEACHER!

TWITCH

SHFF

CHOMP

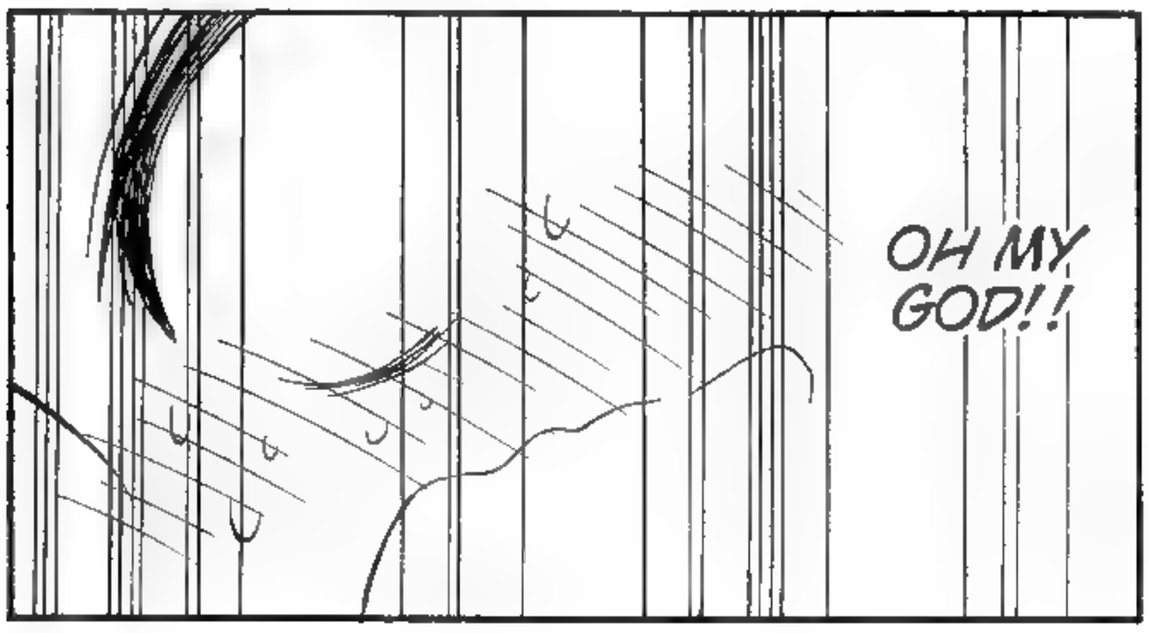
くわっ!!

NINJA...

I THOUGHT YOU SAID MAGIC?

...SWITCH-EROO!!

ガタ…
KA-TUNK


OH MY GOD!!

WHOAAA!
W-W-WH...

I'LL EVEN THROW IN CHICKEN NUGGETS TODAY!!
I'M BLESSED TO HAVE YOU AS A FRIEND!!
DUDE, YOU'RE THE GREATEST!!
HEH!

SHU!!

UM, MARIKA?

WHY HELLO THERE, MARIKA! WHAT A CO-INCIDENCE!

I'M SO GLAD WE'LL BE SITTING NEXT TO EACH OTHER! WON'T THIS BE GREAT?

ガタン…
KA-TUNK

O-OH! HEY! SO WE DID!

W-WE WOUND UP TOGETHER, ICHIJO!

…

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING!!

LUB DUB

ドキン..

...IS SITTING NEXT TO ME!!

ドキン..
LUB DUB

THE GUY I LIKE...

IT'S LIKE I'M DREAMING!

PINCH ME!!

SHIMMER

ぶわっ!!

STILL, I'VE GOT TO CALM DOWN...

TUNK

OH!

ONODERA'S GOING TO BE NEXT TO ME FOR THE NEXT TRIMESTER? WOW... THAT'S INCREDIBLE!!

WHOA! THIS WAS SO UNEXPECTED AND SO AMAZING, I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH IT!

THANKS, RURI! I'LL DO MY BEST!

GO FOR IT! ATTACK HIM! JUMP HIM! SMOOCH HIM!

I CAN TELL FROM RURI'S BACK THAT SHE'S HAPPY FOR ME!

KRAKLE

KRAKLE

T- TAP!

ン…!

OOPS! SORRY...

ガタッ SHF

ガタ… SHF

OH! YOU DROPPED YOUR ERASER, ICHIJO!

WHAT'S GOING ON BACK THERE?

TREMBLE プル

TREMBLE プル

S-S-S-SORRY...

TREMBLE プル

TREMBLE プル

ビクッ

JOLT

ガッシャアアン!! BWOOSH

?!

ALL RIGHT. OPEN YOUR TEXT-BOOKS ...

PULL IT TOGETHER, RAKU!

WELL, MIGHT AS WELL MOVE ON.

I HOPE HE'S NOT WEIRDED OUT...

GAH! WHY'D I REACT LIKE THAT?!

I'VE GOTTA CHILL!

ARGH! I'M BEING SUCH A DOPE!

TEE-HEE ♡

BO—ING ♡

10000 YEN TO GO! A FEEL! ♡

by Shu

I MEAN, I GET TO SIT NEXT TO ONODERA!

RIFFLE

I'VE GOTTA BE COOL, HERE...

ICHIJO'S A LITTLE FORGETFUL NOW AND THEN...

TONK

Heh heh heh...

MIND IF I LOOK ON WITH YOU?

I-I'M SORRY, ONODERA...I SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN MY TEXTBOOK.

ha ha

OH? SURE, NO PROB-LEM.

SLAM

?!

ENGLIS

ピト
SLAM
?!
ピラ
RIFFLE
Ichijo, my love!!
by Ruri
UM... RIGHT HERE.
LET'S SEE... WHERE ARE WE?
I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO ASK THE GUY IN FRONT OF US TO LEND US HIS.
He'll have to share with the person next to him...
NOW WHAT?
LOOKS LIKE I FORGOT MY TEXTBOOK TOO!
OH...I-I-I'M SORRY, ICHIJO!
OH? YOU TOO?
O-OUR ELBOWS ARE TOUCHING!!
ピト
BUMP

ICHIJO!
NEXT QUES-TION...
ガタ!!
JOLT
AIEE!!
IT WOULD BE NICE TO JUST STAY JUST LIKE THIS...
WHAT SHOULD I DO? MAYBE I'M BEING TOO UPTIGHT...
I DON'T WANT TO OVERREACT...
SHOULD I MOVE IT? OR KEEP IT THERE?
MFF!
HEH HEH HEH...
クスクス...
HA HA...
クス...
HEE HEE...
HEH HEH!
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
...??
BUT SOMEHOW SITTING TOGETHER MAKES US SO NERVOUS!
WE'RE NORMALLY SO COMFORT-ABLE AROUND EACH OTHER...
...ISN'T IT?
IT'S WEIRD...
HUH?
ONODERA'S LAUGHING AT ME!
SHE'S LAUGHING AT ME.

IF ONODERA WAS NERVOUS TOO...

YOU'RE RIGHT! YEAH...

...THAT MUST MEAN SHE AT LEAST NOTICES ME!

SO WE SHOULD PROB-ABLY RELAX, RIGHT?

BUT...

WE'RE GOING TO BE NEXT TO EACH OTHER FOR A WHILE...

REALLY, ONO-DERA?

YOU'RE NERVOUS TOO?

YES...

JUST A LITTLE BIT.

WHAAT ?!

WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE OUR SEATS ONE LAST TIME!

LISTEN UP!

I HAVE AN ANNOUNCE-MENT!

JUST WHEN THINGS WERE GOING WELL WITH ONODERA...

...NO!! OH...

Do we hafta?

Awwwww!

WE'RE CHANGING SEATS BECAUSE YOU GUYS HAD SO MANY STUPID COMPLAINTS...

...LIKE BAD EYESIGHT OR NOT WANTING TO SIT UP FRONT!

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!!

NO CHANGES AFTER THIS!

THIS IS ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY THE LAST TIME!

カタ…
KA-TUNK

HUH?

PRETTY CRAZY.

Isn't this cool?

Yo, baby!

AND YOU TOO, CHITOGE ?!

WOW, THIS IS CRAZY, ONO-DERA!

The feel-ing's mutu-al.

WE'RE NEXT TO EACH OTHER AGAIN, ICHIJO!

How come I hafta be next to you?

HUUUUH?!

H…

I GUESS THIS IS OKAY!

OH WELL…

Sor-ry!
I know it was you!
Oh! Well... uh...
You drew this, didn't you?
Hey, Raku! I'll take a Big Mac meal!
NO BIG MAC FOR YOU!!
ビッグマック却下!!!

NEVER MIND THAT.

GLOP カシャ GLOP カシャ

JUST TALK ME THROUGH THE REST!

HONESTLY, SIS? I DON'T THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA.

YOU REALLY THINK YOUR HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE WILL TURN OUT OKAY?

EX-ACTLY ...

カシャ… GLOP

NOW ADD THE REST OF THE MERINGUE ...

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*NOTE: IN JAPAN, GIRLS TRADITIONALLY GIVE CHOCOLATE TO BOYS ON VALENTINE'S DAY.

SHUT UP! WHAT ABOUT YOU, HUH?

YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO ALL THIS TROUBLE FOR A GIRL-FRIEND?

IT'S FOR A FRIEND. A GIRL-FRIEND.

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. ...

TOMOR-ROW'S VALEN-TINE'S DAY, RIGHT?

カシャ GLOP カシャ GLOP

IS HE CUTE?

HEY, BIG SIS... WHO'S THE CHOCOLATE FOR?

BEEP

BRRRMM
ゲオオオ

ガチャ
KCHAK

I'M JUST A REGU-LAR COOK.

YOU'RE JUST ESPECIALLY BAD, SIS.

※ハンズフリー

IF ONLY I WERE A GOOD COOK LIKE YOU.

*NOTE: SPEAKERPHONE

...?!

モワ
SHAKKA

...?!

モワ
SHAKKA

WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?

KA-BOOM!!

?!

HUH?

A CHOCOLATE CAKE, REMEM-BER?

WHAT WAS I MAKING JUST NOW?

HMM.

I GUESS IT'S DONE.

グシャア SPLUT...

BLRG ぐちゃあぁ...

NOTE: SUPPOSED TO BE HEART SHAPED!

BUT...

MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE IT HEART SHAPED.

IT'S NOT WEIRD TO GIVE HIM CHOCOLATE, IS IT?

I MEAN, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DATING.

IT'S JUST A PLATONIC GESTURE, ANYWAY.

BLRF ぐちょあぁ...

NOTE: SUPPOSED TO BE SIMPLE!

HMM...

IT'S NOT AS CUTE ANYMORE.

...A MORE SIMPLE LOOK...

MAYBE I SHOULD GO FOR...

こねこね SPLUT

ぐちゃぐちゃ SQUISH

GLOWER

どぷっ SPLAK

ON THE OTHER HAND, I WANT IT TO BE PRETTY...

ぐちゃ PAT

MAYBE I SHOULD GO FOR A ROUND TRUFFLE SHAPE.

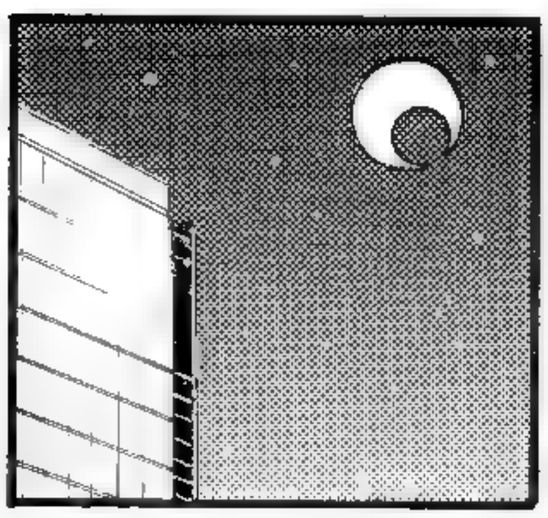
HMM.

ペタ SPLIK

OR MAYBE EMPHASIZE THE PLATONIC THING WITH SOME KINDA COMIC GIMMICK...

ぐちゃ SQUISH

SPLUSH ぺちゃ



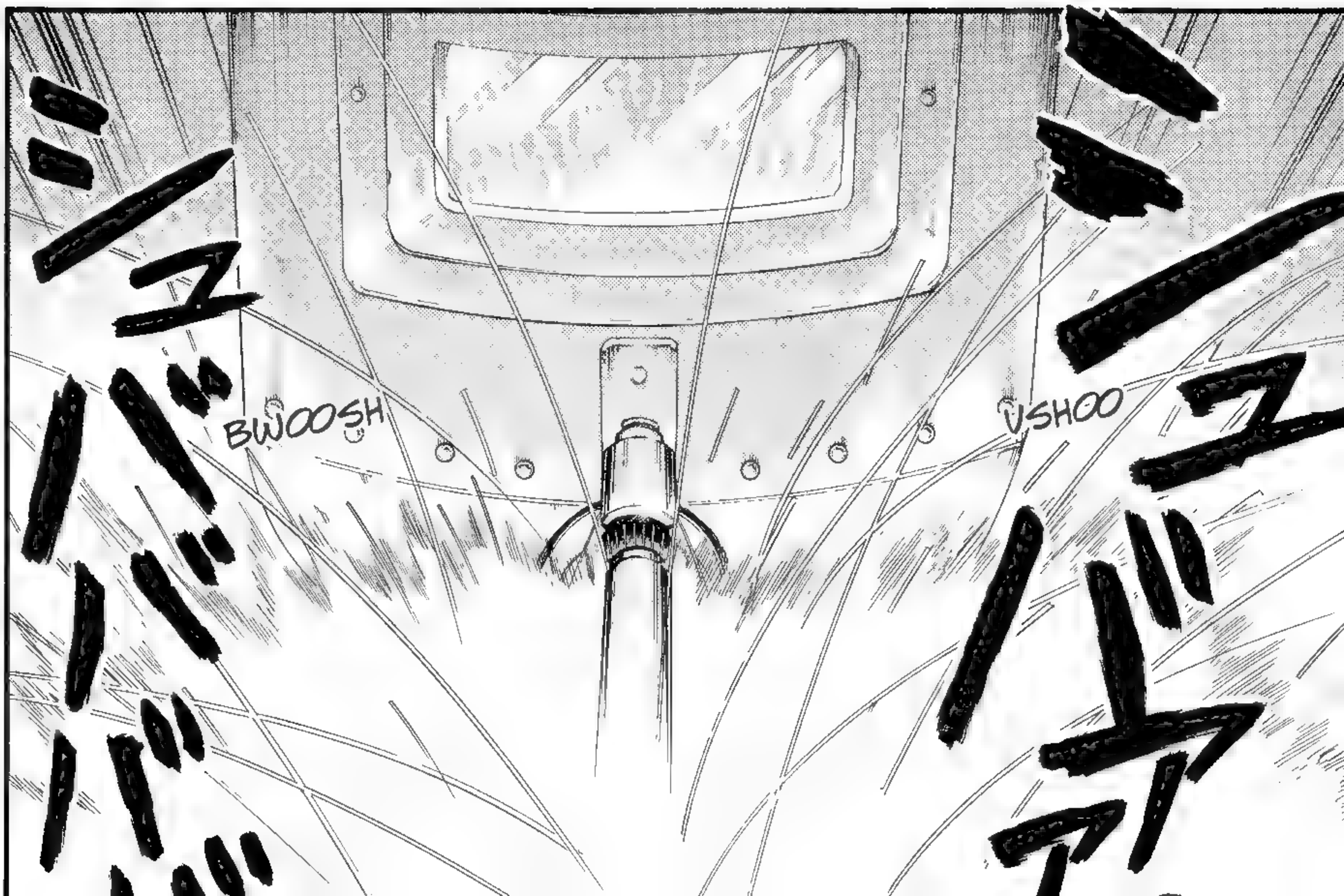
ぐしゃ SPLAT

BETTER START OVER...

Mis-tress?

SQUISH ぺた...

THAT DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT SOME-HOW.



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CLATTER
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CLATTER

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KSHHHHH...

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PHEW...

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キュイイイイ
TONK
VREE
!!

VREEE
キュイイイイ
VREEE

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RRRRR
RRRR

シュバアアア
BWOOSH
BWOOSH
シュバババ!!

Hmm...

I'M GETTING SLEEPY...

HEY, SIS... WHY DON'T YOU CALL IT QUITS?

カシャ
GLOP
カシャ
GLOP

YOU SAID THAT AN HOUR AGO!

SOR-RY.

BEAR WITH ME JUST A LITTLE LONGER!

Blech...

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CHOMP

110 CHOMP 7...

NO.

EVERY NOW AND THEN, I MAKE SOMETHING THAT TURNS OUT GOOD.

WHY DON'T YOU JUST BUY SOME CHOCOLATE IN THE MORNING?

BIG SIS, I THINK YOU'RE FIGHTING A LOSING BATTLE.

WHOEVER IT'S FOR WILL PROBABLY APPRECI-ATE THAT MORE...

WHAT DID YOU SAY JUST NOW, SIS?

NO WAY!!

IT'S GOOD! I MADE A GOOD ONE!

WHAT?!

YUM!!

MAYBE TOMORROW WILL BE YOUR LUCKY DAY!!

CONGRATU-LATIONS, BIG SISTER!

MAYBE ONCE EVERY TEN THOUSAND TIMES!

IT'S EXTREMELY RARE, BUT IT HAPPENS SOMETIMES.

I'VE NEVER ONCE SEEN YOU MAKE SOMETHING GOOD BEFORE!

AND IT JUST HAPPENED? THAT'S A MIRACLE!

44…
CHIRP

…WAS FEBRUARY 14.

THE NEXT MORNING…

42…
CHIRP

NO MATTER WHAT!

I HAVE TO GIVE THIS TO RAKU!

VALENTINE'S DAY

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コーン
DINNG
DONNG

WHEN I GET HOME, I'M SURE RYU AND THE GUYS WILL GIVE ME PILES OF CHOCOLATE, AS USUAL.

I GUESS TODAY'S VALENTINE'S DAY...

NOT THAT I CARE OR ANYTHING …

YAWN

チュン
TWEET
チュン..
TWEET

I MEAN, WHO CARES, RIGHT?

NOT THAT I **WANT** GIRLS TO GIVE ME CHOCOLATE.

GEEZ.

IT'S PRETTY SAD, GETTING CHOCOLATE FROM A BUNCH OF TOUGH GUYS EVERY YEAR.

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CHIK

カチ

KA-CHAK

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NOT AT ALL!

EXPECTING CHOCOLATE, YOU DOG?

FWAP

ドサ…
FWMP

ガタ
ガタ…
CLATTER
CLATTER

ガラ…
SHFF

Sigh

WELL, AREN'T YOU HUMBLE. LET'S HOPE WE BOTH GET SOME CHOCOLATE TODAY, OKAY, BUDDY? ♡

WHY WOULD ANYONE LEAVE CHOCOLATE IN MY SHOE LOCKER?

DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS.

WHAT-EVER, MAN.

Sigh

…

PEEK

I WANT SOMEONE TO GIVE ME CHOCOLATE!!

AAGH!!

MAYBE CHITOGE WILL GIVE ME SOME.

EVEN IF IT WAS A 100% PLATONIC CHOCOLATE, I'D STILL BE STOKED.

AAAH! I WANT IT SOOOO BAD!

I'VE NEVER GOTTEN CHOCOLATE FROM A GIRL IN MY LIFE!

I DON'T CARE WHO IT IS! I JUST WANT CHOCOLATE!

I MEAN, SHE'S SUPER NICE, SO MAYBE SHE'D GIVE ME CHOCOLATE JUST AS A FRIEND...

OR MAYBE...

OF COURSE SHE WOULDN'T GIVE ME CHOCOLATE!

YEAH, RIGHT!!

JUST BECAUSE WE SIT NEXT TO EACH OTHER AND TALK A LITTLE THESE DAYS, THAT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING!!

WHAM

WHAM

ガン ガン!!

...ONO-DERA?

OR MAYBE EVEN...

'MORN-ING.

OH... UH...

WHMP

ガタ...

'MORNING, BEAN SPROUT.

...

ビク JOLT

SHFF

ガラッ

HUH?

IT'S VALEN-TINE'S DAY, YOU KNOW.

EVERYONE'S ACTING KIND OF ANTSY SOMEHOW.

BY THE WAY, IS SOMETHING GOING ON?

HUH?

NO! NOTHING!

WHAT. YOU WANT SOME-THING?

...

OKAY.

STARE

??

SO THAT'S WHAT IT IS.

OH.

VALENTINE'S DAY. RIGHT. THAT'S TODAY, HUH?

OH, RIGHT. YOU DON'T DO THE WHOLE CHOCOLATE THING IN THE U.S., RIGHT?

VALEN-TINE'S?

I hear it's only in Japan.

AS IF SHE'D EVER DO SOMETHING THAT SWEET!

DUH.

...

SHUT UP! I KNOW, OKAY?

トゲ PRICKLE

トゲ PRICKLE

WHAT?

JUST BECAUSE WE'RE PHONY SWEET-HEARTS? THAT DOESN'T MEAN I OWE YOU CHOCOLATE!

DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE EXPECTING ME TO GIVE YOU CHOCOLATE?

PRICKLE トゲ

PRICKLE トゲ

WHY'D I GO AND COP AN ATTITUDE? NOW IT'S EXTRA AWKWARD!

I'M SO LAME!

WHY DO I ALWAYS DO THIS?!

AFTER I SPENT ALL THAT TIME REHEARSING CASUALLY GIVING HIM MY CHOCOLATE...

WHY AM I BEING LIKE THIS?!

GOOD MORNING, KOSAKI!

HEY. G'MORN-ING!

GOOD MORNING, CHITOGE!

ICHIJO!

LUB DUB ドキッ!

GOOD MORN-ING!

ガラッ!!

CLATTER

CONVERSATION...

...OVER.

YEAH. SURE IS.

IT SURE IS A NICE DAY, ISN'T IT, ICHIJO?

ｶﾞﾀ...

CLATTER

I GUESS SHE HAS NO INTENTION OF GIVING ME CHOCOLATE.

RATS. ONODERA'S THE SAME AS EVER.

I THOUGHT I WAS FINALLY GETTING USED TO SITTING NEXT TO HIM. CAN I REALLY PULL IT OFF?

NOW WHAT? I'M OUT OF CONVERSATION!

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DIIIING

コーン
DONNG

THIS IS FOR YOU!

EXCUSE ME!

WAY TO GO, SEISHIRO! YOU LADY KILLER!

WHAT WAS THAT?

CHOCO-LATE.

IT'S VALEN-TINE'S DAY. DUH.

TAK TAK TAK タタタ...

キャ EEK!!

WHAT?

...YOU GIVE CHOCOLATE TO PEOPLE YOU HATE!

VALEN-TINE'S DAY IS WHEN...

'COURSE, YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT LOVE LETTERS, EITHER...

YOU DON'T KNOW?

HUH?

WHAT'S VALENTINE'S DAY?

??

I'm honored!

WOW!

TAKE IT!

IN THAT CASE, I WANT YOU TO HAVE THIS CHOCOLATE.

SO, SEISHIRO...

YOU SHOULD BUY SOME CHOCOLATE FOR RAKU. IT'S GOOD LUCK!

I've never even spoken with them...

BUT WHY WOULD THOSE GIRLS HATE ME?

GOT A MINUTE?

HEY, SHU!

ガラ...!! SHFF

EXCUSE ME!

ER...

パタン… SLAM

WHAT'S UP?

...?

HUH?

OH!

WHA ...?!

WHAT?

I WAS PULLING YOUR LEG...

SORRY, SEISHIRO.

?

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

...??

WHERE-FORE ART THOU?

RAKU DEAR-EST!!

ドキッ LUB DUB

Speak of the devil!

THERE SHE IS.

OH!

GUESS SHE'S ABSENT.

HMM... I HAVEN'T SEEN TACHIBANA TODAY.

It's already lunch-time...

TSUGUMI LIKES SHU??

WHO WOULD HAVE GUESSED ?!

WHOA! WHAT A SHOCK-ER!

HMM... ほー

HRM... へー

I HAD NO IDEA!!

What an odd match!

I DO APOLOGIZE FOR THE DELAY!

IT TOOK ME SLIGHTLY LONGER THAN PLANNED TO COMPLETE!

ゴゴゴゴゴ RRRRR

SKREEE

ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ

OH!

RAKU DEAREST!! ♡

BRRRMM

ゴゴゴゴ

WATCH THIS!

ギャギャギャ URM-URM-URM

ギャ URM

ギュ UA-VOOM

YOU WON'T GET AWAY, RAKU DEAR-EST!

ルン!!

ZOOM

OH!

ヒュー!!

VOOSH

...?!

NOOOOO!!

VROOM

ギュ!!

RAKU, MY LOVE!!

SHE'S NOT AFRAID TO GO AFTER WHAT SHE WANTS.

HEE

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HEE

ニク

I COULD NEVER DO THAT...

MARIKA SURE IS SOMETHING.

HEE

ホホホ

HEE

さま~♡

WAS THAT...

BWOOSH

ドドドドドド

ICHIJO AND MARIKA?

...

STOP, ICHIJO!!

VOOSH

バッ!!

I HAVE TO DO THIS!

HUH?! ONODERA?!

NO! I HAVE TO STOP BEING SUCH A CHICKEN!

I MADE SOMETHING DELICIOUS! I CAN'T WASTE THIS CHANCE!

SPLAT

KA-SLAM

TUNK

ER...

THERE'S SOMETHING... I WANT YOU...TO HAVE...

OH!

I'M FINE.

?

REALLY, I AM.

ONODERA!

ARE YOU OKAY?!

FWSH

!!

WHAT WAS THAT LOOK...

...ONODERA JUST MADE?!

HUH?!

I'M JUST FINE!!

ピュー

!!

VOOSH

Why're you running away?!

パクッ CHOMP

IT'S NO USE.

I CAN'T GIVE IT TO HIM NOW!

ALL THAT...FOR NOTHING.

...

CHOMP

パク

TOO BAD...

CHOMP

パク

WHAT A SHAME!

CHOMP

パク

IT'S REALLY GOOD.

OH!

...DELICIOUS.

IT'S REALLY...

So sad!

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HEY!

WHERE DID SHE GO?

ONO-DERA?

NOPE, HAVEN'T SEEN HER!

DID YOU SEE ONODERA COME THROUGH HERE?

IS THAT YOU, KOSAKI?

OH, HEY!

JOLT ビクッ!

HI, CHITOGE ...

?

HUH?

BLAM ドン!!

BLAM ドン!!

Halt, you dastardly cur!

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

THERE WAS SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THE WAY ONODERA WAS ACTING TODAY...

I wonder what's up?

FWSH キョロ

FWSH キョロ

HMM. NOT HERE, EITHER.

VWOOSH

WHAT ?!

WAS THAT... ...SHU AND TSU-GUMI?

TAK TAK

...??

TAK TAK

Have mercy!

TAK

Halt!

TAK

TSUGUMI!

AIEEE!!

TMP TMP... ﾀﾀ...

JOLT

I can't believe he outran me...

ﾊｧ... HUFF

ﾊｧ... HUFF

HAHH... HAHH...

HOW DARE HE HUMILIATE ME!

THAT LOW-DOWN, GOOD-FOR-NOTHING...

She's not here, huh?

I WAS LOOKING FOR ONO-DERA.

HAVE YOU SEEN HER?

...

HAVEN'T SEEN HER.

?

WHAT'S WITH THE WEIRD SCREAM?

W-W-WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

R-R-RAKU ICHIJO?!

HUH?

SURE.

I... I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING IMPORTANT...

PUP— PUP ダラ— ダラ…

UM, RAKU ICHIJO?

I DON'T WORRY!

I CAN KEEP A SECRET!

OH!

IT WAS A MIS-UNDER-STANDING?

I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT VALEN-TINE'S DAY, AND THEN THIS AND THAT HAPPENED...

I DON'T LIKE HIM, OKAY?!

I DO NOT!!

THAT WAS A SHOCKER.

I HAD NO IDEA YOU LIKED SHU...

UH... I DON'T THINK THAT'S IT.

TSUGUMI'S ALWAYS BEEN POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS...

Or maybe she still thinks I'm a guy?

?

COME TO THINK OF IT, WHY WOULD SHE GIVE ME CHOCOLATE?

MAYBE SHE DOESN'T GET VALENTINE'S DAY EITHER...

SO WHERE'D YOU GET THAT CHOCO-LATE?

OH, THAT?

A GIRL IN ANOTHER CLASS GAVE IT TO ME.

A GIRL?

OOPS.

...THAT BADLY?

WOW. DO GUYS REALLY WANT GIRLS TO GIVE THEM CHOCOLATE ...

I SAID THAT OUT LOUD!?

GNRFFC

ゴン WHAM ゴン WHAM

TSUGUMI'S A GIRL, AND EVEN SHE'S GETTING CHOCOLATE!

ARGH! I CAN'T STAND IT!

NOBODY'S GIVEN ME A SINGLE CHOCOLATE! IT'S KILLING ME!

RAKU ICHIJO...

ゴソ... RUMMAGE

IF YOU DON'T MIND THAT KIND...

HERE. FOR YOU.

...GIRLS ALSO GIVE "PLATONIC" CHOCO-LATE...

I UNDER-STAND THAT ON VALEN-TINE'S DAY...

...TO GUYS WHO ARE JUST FRIENDS, RIGHT?

THANK YOU!!

FOR REAL ?!

YOU LIKE IT THAT MUCH?

YEAH!

THANKS SO MUCH, TSUGUMI!

Chocolate!

I DON'T MIND THAT IT'S PLATONIC... THIS IS AWESOME!!

THIS IS SO GREAT!!

HIS FIRST TIME!

Err... BLUSH

IT'S THE FIRST TIME A GIRL'S EVER GIVEN ME CHOCOLATE!!

THIS MEANS A LOT TO ME.

OH, ONE MORE THING!

WHITE... WHAT?

UM... OH.

I'LL BE SURE TO RETURN THE FAVOR ON WHITE DAY!

His first time.. His first time..

THANKS AGAIN, TSUGUMI!

*NOTE: IN JAPAN, BOYS GIVE GIRLS WHITE CHOCOLATE ON WHITE DAY ABOUT A MONTH AFTER VALENTINE'S.

YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

BESIDES, I ALREADY KNEW THAT!

BUT THAT CHOCO-LATE YOU GOT...

...YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T RE-GIFT IT TO SOMEONE ELSE!

I KNOW IT'S NONE OF MY BUSI-NESS...

SHE WANTED YOU TO ENJOY IT!

IT TOOK COURAGE FOR THAT GIRL TO GIVE IT TO YOU!

OH NO!

I JUST REALIZED SOME-THING!!

...YOU'LL ENJOY THE CHOCOLATE I GAVE YOU?

DOES THAT MEAN...

My bad!

I RAN AWAY FROM TACHIBANA WITHOUT ACCEPTING HER CHOCOLATE!

I'M SUCH A HYPOCRITE!

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I FEEL TERRIBLE!

I SHOULD FIND HER AND APOLOGIZE RIGHT AWAY.

I CAN LOOK FOR ONODERA AFTER THAT...

I DIDN'T MEAN TO RUN AWAY... IT WAS A KNEE-JERK REACTION!!

IT WAS SO SWEET OF TACHIBANA TO MAKE ME THAT CHOCOLATE!!

Argh !!

GAH!! WHERE DO I GET OFF LECTURING OTHER PEOPLE ON CHOCOLATE ETIQUETTE? I'M SO ASHAMED!!

OH NOOOO!!!

OH...

WELL, HELLO...

RAKU DEAR-EST!

THIS IS TERRIBLE! IT'S ALL MY FAULT!!

IF ONLY I HADN'T RUN AWAY...

I DIDN'T HEAR HER CHASING ME ANYMORE...

BUT I NEVER IMAGINED...!!!

WHAT ON EARTH...?!

I'M SO SORRY. I GOT CARRIED AWAY.

I'LL MAKE YOU A NEW ONE RIGHT AWAY.

I HOPE YOU'LL ACCEPT IT...

ALIGH!!

THIS IS KILLING ME!!

NOOO!!

I'M SO SORRY, RAKU DEAREST!

I MADE YOU SOMETHING, BUT I'M AFRAID I BROKE IT. I'M SO CLUMSY!

BLRF!

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ZING

ズキーン!!

I'M SORRY, TACHIBANA.

...

BUT I...

IT WAS SO SWEET OF HER TO MAKE SUCH A GRAND PRESENT!

I'M SUCH A JERK!

I'M SO SORRY, TACHIBANA!

AAAAAAAAA

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CHOMP

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CHOMP CHOMP
I REALLY SCREWED UP!
LET ME EAT IT, TACHIBANA!
I HAVE TO DO THIS!
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CHOMP CHOMP
HEY! HEY!
THAT'S DIRTY! YOU CAN'T EAT IT!
DON'T, RAKU DEAREST!
JUST LET ME EAT IT!
NO, PLEASE!
THIS CAN'T BE GOOD FOR YOU!
I CAN ALWAYS MAKE YOU A NEW ONE!
SHAKKA
オロ
SHAKKA
オロ
...BUT YOU'LL MAKE YOURSELF SICK!
NO... I APPRECIATE THE GESTURE...
WE CAN FORGET ALL ABOUT THIS. OKAY?
THEN WE'LL BE EVEN!
JUST GRANT ME ONE REQUEST.
I HAVE AN IDEA.
OKAY.
I SEE THAT YOU FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT THIS.

OKAY.

Phew!

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT...

U

OKAY, RAKU DEAR-EST?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE CHOCOLATE ANYMORE.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?

THAT'S NOT FAIR, RAKU DEAREST!

THAT WASN'T THE AGREEMENT!

?!

WHAT ?!

DA-DUM!

I'LL GRANT YOU WHATEVER YOU WANT.

BUT I'M STILL GOING TO EAT THIS.

I'M EATING IT BECAUSE I WANT TO!

BUT THIS CHOCOLATE IS SUPER GOOD!

CHOMP

CHOMP

ガラッ!! VWSH

OH, RAKU DEAR-EST...

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH YOU?

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トコ
TMP

YIKES! I THOUGHT I WAS A GONER THERE!

WHO KNEW SHE'D GET THAT PISSED?!

HEY, RURI...

ARE YOU GIVING ANYONE CHOCOLATE?

NOPE.

'FRAID NOT.

I'M TRYING TO READ. WOULD YOU QUIT BOTHERING ME?

IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT.

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LIED.

Ahhahaha

WELL, I CAN'T ARGUE WITH THAT.

C'mon!

4 SNRFF ン!

Please?

RUMMAGE ゴソ
RUMMAGE ゴソ

WELL...

HOW ABOUT A LITTLE VALENTINE'S TREAT FOR ME?

JUST ONE POCKY STICK IS FINE.

JUST BECAUSE NOBODY GAVE YOU ANY CHOCO-LATE...

YOU LIKE SOMEONE, DON'T YOU?

WHY DON'T YOU GO BOTHER HER AND LEAVE ME ALONE?

THAT'S COLD...

...

YOU ARE SOOO ANNOYING!!

TWO GIRLS GAVE ME CHOCOLATE!

AU CONTRAIRE ...

ホク GRIN

ホク GRIN

KOSAKI?

WHAT'S KOSAKI UP TO?

COME TO THINK OF IT...

WHO'S IT FOR?

IS THAT CHOCO-LATE?

ACK!

HUH?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUT HERE?

HI, CHITOGE.

NO! IT'S FOR A FRIEND!!

WHO IS IT?

WHO IS IT?

!!

IS THAT FOR THE GUY YOU LIKE, KOSAKI?!

OH.

...BUT I BROKE IT BEFORE I COULD GIVE IT TO HIM.

I SPENT ALL EVENING MAKING IT...

ANYWAY ...

THEN ...

...CAN I HAVE SOME?

HUH? BUT...

I CAN'T GIVE HIM THIS, ANYWAY.

HUH?

OH, I DON'T KNOW.

ARE YOU STILL...

...GONNA GIVE HIM SOME-THING?

THIS IS REALLY DELI-CIOUS!!

WOW !!

OH, ME?

WELL...

WHAT ABOUT YOU, CHI-TOGE?

ARE YOU GIVING ANYONE CHOCO-LATE?

YOU'RE AMAZING, KOSAKI!!

I'M A GOOD COOK TOO, BUT THIS IS BETTER THAN I COULD EVER DO!

THIS IS GREAT!!

OH... THANKS.

BUT...

I DON'T KNOW.

...TO SOME-ONE.

TO GIVE...

I DID MAKE SOME CHOCO-LATE...

...THE GUY YOU LIKE?

IS IT FOR...

...ICHIJO...

...THE GUY YOU LIKE?

YEAH.

...IS...

UM...

OOO

So
sad!
Sniff...

...ICHIJO?

IS THE GUY YOU LIKE...

Chapter 69: Last Minute

HUH?

...AWKWARD QUESTION!

THAT WAS A REALLY...

UH-OH.

THAT MORONIC BEAN SPROUT? HECK NO!!

NO WAY!!

OH...

I WOULDN'T EVEN GIVE PLATONIC CHOCOLATE TO THAT LOSER!

WE'RE JUST PRETENDING TO BE DATING, YOU KNOW?

I KNOW THEY AREN'T DATING FOR REAL, BUT SOMETIMES THEY SEEM SO CLOSE...

OH...

THAT'S A RELIEF. ANYWAY, GUESS I WAS JUST BEING PARANOID.

BUT HOW CAN I ADMIT TO LIKING HIM WHEN I'VE ALWAYS ACTED THIS WAY?

NOW WHAT? I TOTALLY LIED TO KOSAKI!

RATS.

IT'S TOO EMBARRASSING!

ME?

WELL...

HUH?!

I...UHH... WHAT ABOUT YOU, KOSAKI? DO YOU LIKE SOMEONE?

Is he in our class?

SO...

WHO DO YOU LIKE, CHITOGE?

REALLY ?!

I knew it!

YES.

I DO LIKE SOMEONE.

ズヌーーン..

OOPS...

I-I'M SORRY!

I ate it!

AND I'M REALLY GLAD YOU THOUGHT IT WAS GOOD!

I'D ALREADY DECIDED NOT TO GIVE IT TO HIM!

OH! ER, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!

THAT CHOCOLATE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE FOR HIM.

BUT IT'S TOO LATE NOW.

YOU'RE NOT FIT TO DATE MY MIS-TRESS!!

DOES TSUGUMI KNOW?

NO.

IF I TOLD HER, CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW SHE'D REACT?

YOU FILTHY MAG-GOT!

Good point.

SINCE YOU HAVE TO PRETEND YOU'RE DATING ICHIJO...

IT MUST BE HARD, THOUGH.

OH, YEAH... RIGHT. *HA HA.*

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU LIKED SOMEONE!!

ANYWAY, THIS IS BIG NEWS!

I GET KINDA NERVOUS JUST TALKING ABOUT IT!

THAT I LIKE SOMEONE, THAT IS.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS, KOSAKI.

SO...

WELL, THEN...

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS IDEA?

I'VE KEPT IT SECRET FOR SO LONG...

...THAT I LIKE SOMEBODY.

I THINK YOU AND RURI ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW...

ME TOO.

OH! REALLY?

Thanks for telling me!

BUT WE'LL TOTALLY SUPPORT EACH OTHER!

Except for Ruri!

WE WON'T TALK ABOUT THIS WITH ANYONE ELSE!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

AND UNTIL WE TELL THE GUYS WE LIKE HOW WE FEEL...

...WE WON'T EVEN TELL EACH OTHER WHO THEY ARE.

SO FOR STARTERS...

...

ナニヲ サセヨウ ト SHP

?

GOOD LUCK, US!

OKAY! IT'S A PROMISE!

SKWEE キュ…！

I LIKE IT!

LET'S MAKE A PACT!

THERE'S STILL TIME TO MAKE HIM SOMETHING SPECIAL.

DON'T GIVE UP YET!

HOW ABOUT ...

...MAKING A NEW BATCH FOR YOUR CRUSH?

CHITOGE ...

...

C'MON... I'LL HELP YOU!

VALEN-TINE'S DAY ONLY COMES 'ROUND ONCE A YEAR!

HUH?

WHAT?! WHERE'D YOU PULL THAT OUT OF?!

わさ… SHOOP

I THOUGHT I MIGHT KEEP WORKING ON IT 'TIL THE LAST MINUTE, SO I BROUGHT HEAPS OF INGREDIENTS TO SCHOOL...

...

SURE!

AND I'LL PSYCH MYSELF UP AND GIVE MY CRUSH THE CHOCOLATE I MADE HIM!

SO...

...WHY DON'T WE GIVE IT ANOTHER TRY?

カシャ WHP

カシャ WHP

家庭科室*

*SIGN: HOME ECONOMICS

BWA HA HA!

OH MY!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

NEVER MIND THAT!

YOU NEED TO GIVE HIM HIS CHOCOLATE TODAY!

BUT YOUR CHOCO-LATE ISN'T DONE...

HUH?

YOU'D BETTER GET GOING, CHITOGE, OR YOUR CRUSH'LL GO HOME!

IT'S GETTING LATE!

GO AHEAD, CHITOGE.

YOU CAN DO THIS!

I'LL KEEP WORKING ON IT 'TIL THE LAST MINUTE AND I GET IT RIGHT!

THANKS FOR HELPING ME, CHITOGE.

I'LL BE OKAY.

フラ…
WORMP
OOF...
THAT WAS AN INSANE AMOUNT OF CHOCO-LATE...
GUESS I OVERDID IT A BIT.
RIGHT!
EXCUSE ME...
HAA...
HAA...
MAY I HAVE A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME?
?
SURE. WHY THE FORMAL TONE?
OH, DAR-LING!
HMM ?
HAA...
WELL...
I HEAR IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY TODAY...
...??
YEAH. WE WENT OVER THAT THIS MORNING, REMEM-BER?
GOTTA BE NICE.
BE SWEET AND NICE FOR ONCE!
HAA...

AS A *PLATONIC* GESTURE...

AND I JUST HAPPENED TO BRING SOME...

SINCE IT'S VALEN-TINE'S DAY...YOU CAN HAVE THESE.

AS A *PLATONIC* GIFT!!

BY CHANCE...

BY CHANCE ?!

...I JUST *HAPPENED* TO MAKE SOME HOMEMADE CHOCOLATES YESTERDAY.

OH!

I NEVER GOT CHOCOLATE BEFORE IN MY LIFE... BUT I'M TOTALLY SCORING THIS YEAR!

I WONDER WHAT'S UP TODAY?

BUT IT WAS PRETTY SWEET OF HER TO BRING ME HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE.

NICE ATTITUDE... AS USUAL!

!

CHOMP

?...

IF YOU DON'T WANT IT, GIVE IT BACK!

SHUT UP, JERKO!

SORRY. I DO WANT THEM! I'LL EAT THEM!

ARE THEY SAFE TO EAT?!

WAIT A SEC... YOU MADE THESE?

YEAH.
DELICIOUS!
REAL-LY?
THEY TASTE LIKE THE REAL THING!
CHOMP
モグ"
モグ"
CHOMP
I'D SAY...
...FOR SOMETHING YOU MADE, THEY'RE PRETTY GOOD!
WOW!
WHAT ?!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!
Tenfold ?!
STRAIN
力
STRAIN
力
OH!
HOPE YOU'RE PLANNING TO RETURN THE FAVOR TENFOLD ON WHITE DAY!
WELL, THAT'S GOOD.
KOFF
SHEESH!
See ya!

...TOOK SO MUCH NERVE!

クス TEE-HEE クス...

I'M HOME!

I NEVER REALIZED ...

...GIVING CHOCOLATE TO THE PERSON YOU LIKE...

I PULLED IT OFF!

PHEW!

ギク JOLT!!

Choco-lates, huh?

She seems pretty confident this time.

HEY, EVERYONE!

HERE YOU GO!

GUESS WHAT? I MADE YOU ALL CHOCOLATES FOR VALENTINE'S DAY!

WELCOME HOME, MISTRESS!

Did a have a good day?

...

パク CHOMP

UUGH..

OOOG...

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

WHAT'S THE MATTER? ...??

I USED SALT...

...INSTEAD OF SUGAR!

!!

CHOMP

パク...

ﾊﾟｸ…!
CHOMP
BLECH U !
KOFF... ｹﾎ…
THAT MORON…
ﾓｸﾞ CHEW ﾓｸﾞ... CHEW
11°7... CHOMP
BUT I REFUSE TO GIVE UP!
BESIDES, I PROMISED CHITOGE!
...IT'S PRETTY UNLIKELY I'LL SUCCEED AGAIN SO SOON.
SINCE MY COOKING ONLY TURNS OUT WELL ONCE EVERY 10,000 TRIES...
WELL...
STIR カシャ
STIR カシャ
THIS...
THIS IS REALLY...
OH!

VOOSH

BUT I GUESS IT'S TIME TO GIVE UP...

WISH I COULD'VE FOUND HER AND MADE SURE EVERY-THING'S OKAY...

GUESS I'LL HEAD HOME TOO.

SHE MUST'VE GONE HOME ALREADY.

I'VE LOOKED ALL OVER, BUT I JUST CAN'T FIND ONODERA.

DANG.

WAIT, ICHIJO !!

UM...

THIS IS...FOR YOU!

YOU'RE STILL HERE!

ONO-DERA?

HERE...

OH!

I HOPE YOU LIKE IT...

YES.

SORRY IT WASN'T READY SOONER...

THIS IS FOR ME?

CHOCO-LATE? FOR REAL?

IT'S GOOD!

IT'S...

DID YOU MAKE THIS YOUR-SELF?

WAIT A SEC...

I DON'T CARE HOW BAD IT IS...

ドキ ドキ LUB DUB

WELL...

IF ONO-DERA MADE THIS FOR ME...

パク... CHOMP

WILL YOU TRY IT?

I-IT TURNED OUT WELL.

RIGHT?

IT'S DELI-CIOUS!!

I'VE NEVER TASTED SUCH GOOD CHOCOLATE!!

YEAH! IT'S AMAZING!!

IT'S REALLY GOOD, RIGHT?

...ONCE IN A MILLION TIMES!!

THIS PROB-ABLY ONLY HAP-PENS...

WHOA!

EVERY NOW AND THEN, I MANAGE TO MAKE SOMETHING THAT'S ACTUALLY OKAY...

...BUT I NEVER MADE ANYTHING THIS DELICIOUS BEFORE!

I'M SO GLAD!!

!!

IT'S PLATONIC !!

...

ROMANTIC CHOCO-LATE?

D-D-DOES THAT MEAN THIS IS...

DON'T TELL ME...

YOU WERE MAKING CHOCOLATES THIS WHOLE TIME?

YES.

Ha ha.

Of course.

BUT IT'S...

...

...SPECIAL PLATONIC.

IT'S KIND OF A...

WELL, SEE YOU TOMORROW, ICHIJO!

HUH? HEY... W-WAIT!

WHAT?

...

SPECIAL PLATONIC?

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

TOO BAD I WASN'T LOOKING MY BEST...

ACHOO!

MY EYES ARE ALL RED.

I BARELY SLEPT LAST NIGHT...

BUT I'M SO GLAD IT TURNED OUT WELL!

YIKES...I WAS SO NERVOUS!

THANK YOU, CHITOGE! I DID IT!

I ATE WAAAY TOO MUCH OF IT TODAY.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY CHOCO-LATE FOR A WHILE.

STILL ...

BLRF

うぷっ...

SHFF

ガラ...

WELCOME HOME, YOUNG MASTER!!

じ——ん...

AAAAH...

THIS MORE THAN MAKES UP FOR THE LAST 14 YEARS!!

...AND THIS YEAR FOUR GIRLS GAVE ME CHOCOLATE!

I NEVER GOT CHOCOLATE FROM A GIRL BEFORE IN MY LIFE...

WE MADE YOU...

...SOME SPECIAL CHOCO-LATES!!

HAPPY VALEN-TINE'S DAY!!

I FORGOT!

Did a give it to him, Big Sis?

Yes!

CHECK OUT MY CHOCO-LATES!

I WENT WAAAY OVERBOARD THIS YEAR!

NAW, MINE'S THE BEST!!

CHECK MINE OUT!

TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
Aiee !!
Choco-late! Choco-late!
Young Master! Chocolate for you!
GNRH....
NGHH...

...THIS?

WHAT'S ...

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...MADE HERE FOR THE BEEHIVE'S INTERROGATIONS.

OH, THOSE!

THEY'RE EXPERIMENTAL EXPLOSIVE HANDCUFFS...

Something like this happened before...

IT'S A BOMB ?!

TA-DAA!!

SEISHIRO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

HUH?

MASTER CLAUDE ...

OH.

HRM... WELL...

WE WERE ABOUT TO GET RID OF THEM, SINCE THERE'S NOT MUCH USE FOR THEM LATELY, BUT...

BOMB!!

NO

WHEN YOU PUT THESE HANDCUFFS ON, THEY MEASURE YOUR HEART RATE...

...AND IF IT GOES PAST A CERTAIN RATE, THESE EXPLODE.

THAT'S DISTURB-ING...

U HUH?

SEI-SHIRO...

TAKE THESE WITH YOU.

DING DONG!

OKAY...

U I SEE...

IF NOT, GET RID OF THEM FOR ME, PLEASE.

USE THEM IF YOU CAN TO KEEP TABS ON RAKU ICHIJO.

WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

HAVING SAID THAT...

IF ICHIJO GETS HURT BY THIS...

I'LL GET RID OF THEM.

WOBL WOBL

...THE MISTRESS WOULD BE SAD TOO...

IT'S TOO PEACEFUL TO USE SUCH DANGEROUS HANDCUFFS RIGHT NOW...

PLUS, I DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD WANT TO PUT ON SOMETHING SO SUSPICIOUS...

RUSTLE!

HUH?!

RUSTLE!

KRASH!!

RUSTLE!

WHA...?!

OUCH!

HUH?! ICHIJO?!

UHH...

TSUGUMI?

ガラ…
CLANK
SHEESH…
HUH?
I COULDN'T SEE BECAUSE OF THESE NOTE-BOOKS...
SOR-RY...
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!!
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU LOUT?!
HUH?
ジャラ…
CLANK
TH-THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!
KLINK
KLINK
ガク
ガク
ジャラ…
CLANK
WHAT'S THIS? HAND-CUFFS ?
KLAK
KLAK
ブル
ブル
NOOO

IF I GET NERVOUS...

THE METER IS MOVING!

NOOO!!

...IT'LL EXPLODE!

BEEP! ピピッ...!

BEEP! ピピッ...!

WHAT NOW?!

I HAVEN'T ASKED CLAUDE HOW TO UNLOCK THEM YET!!

W-W-WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

BEEP!

BEEP!

BEEP!

BEEP!

WAA!!

DON'T !!

IT'S COMING FROM THIS...

WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

IT'S OKAY. JUST BE COOL.

HAHH... PHEW...

スー ハー

HAHH... PHEW...

スー ハー

DEEP BREATH... DEEP BREATH...

MORE IMPORTANTLY, I NEED TO CALM DOWN.

BA-DUMP... BA-DUMP

BEEP! BEEP!

プル プル SHAKKA SHAKKA

UHH... WHAT?

What was that?

?!

I'M SORRY!

OH...

LET ME PASS THROUGH.

HEY!

CLINK

シャッ…

SWSH

ヒョイ

がう

RATTLE

がう…

RATTLE

!!

I'LL EXPLAIN THE CIRCUM-STANCES, SO CALM DOWN...

W-WAIT A SEC, RAKU ICHIJO!

ガラガラガラ…

RATTLE

RATTLE

??

WHY'RE YOU SO SHOOK UP?

BEEP!

BEEP!

BEEP!

AIEEE!!

BEEP BEEP

HUH?

WHAT'S THIS NOISE?

A METER?

LOOKS LIKE IT COULD REACH THE MAX SOON...

ピピッ

BEEP

ピピッ

BEEP

ARE YOU UP TO SOME-THING AGAIN?

WELL THEN... WHAT ARE THESE HAND-CUFFS?

IF YOU GET SO CLOSE...

A... AUUGH!!

BA-DUMP

バックン…

BA-DUMP

バックン…

GASP!!

ハッ…!!

THESE HAND-CUFFS ARE...

LISTEN UP, RAKU ICHIJO!

Ouch...

ドキ LUB DUB

ドキ.. LUB DUB

ドンッ WHUMP

Ouch!

NO WAIT... BUT...

THE BOMB IS ABOUT TO EXPLODE. IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT I'M NERVOUS...

H-HOLD ON... WHAT AM I THINKING?

HOW DO I EXPLAIN MY POUNDING HEART?!

BUT...

I WANT TO TELL HIM ABOUT THE HEART RATE FOR THE HANDCUFFS...

MI... MISTRESS?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Hand-cuffs?

HUH?

TSU-GUMI?

JOLT

ビクッ

YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY CHEATING! I CAUGHT YOU RED-HANDED!!

ICHIJO! YOU ALREADY HAVE KIRISAKI!

BEEP!

BEEP!

AIIEEE! DON'T GET SO EXCITED, RAKU ICHIJO!

SHUT UP! IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT!!

ゾロ GATHER

WOW! LOOK! TSUGUMI AND ICHIJO ARE HANDCUFFED TOGETHER!

Why?

UHH... I DON'T KNOW.

YOU TWO ARE REAL CLOSE, HUH...

Is that so?

ゾロ GATHER

A BOY AND GIRL PUT HANDCUFFS ON... SOMETHING MUST BE GOING ON!

WOW! WOW!

WOW! WOW!

WHAT?!

It's not doing me any good.

WAIT...

TSUGUMI, TELL THEM WHAT'S GOING ON.

NONCHALANTLY!

WHAT?!

W-WELL, NEVER MIND.

IT'S NOTHING YOU SHOULD GET MAD OVER...

Ha ha ha...

THAT'S ...?!

...WITH THIS SITUATION?!

...NOT PISSED...

TSUGUMI IS...

?!

GAH!

ドサァ

FWUMP!

!!

ERK ?!

ガクン

WORMP

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KLAK

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Ha ha ha...

HUH? WHY... OUT OF THE BLUE?

WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE FOR NOW...

W-WELL, RAKU ICHIJO...

WHY DON'T WE GO OVER THERE AND TALK ALONE?

UHH...

OUCH!

S---

Sorry...

ICHIJO FORCED TSUGUMI DOWN!!

CHATTER!!

SHE'S GONNA GET PISSED!

!!

...

BLUSH

BEEP!

GAAAH

TH... THIS IS...!!

WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?!

Ouch!

Come on!

?

OH... DON'T WORRY.

PLIP

ダう

PLIP

ダう

WHA... WHAT?!

The whole class!

Ha ha ha...

BE CAREFUL NEXT TIME, OKAY?

BEEP! BEEP!

SHH! SHH!

GNF... WHY THE HECK IS SUCH A THING...

WHAT?!

A BOMB?!

My heart rate will rise!

I TOLD YOU TO LISTEN CALMLY!

I MEANT TO GET RID OF THEM RIGHT AWAY, THOUGH.

AND THAT'S THAT.

A bomb is no joke, you know...

I SEE...

THAT'S WHY YOU WERE ACTING LIKE THAT EARLIER...

PHEW... HOW MUCH LONGER...

WHAT'LL HAPPEN...

IF...IF THE HANDCUFFS AREN'T UNLOCKED...

Okay...

THAT'S NOT THE BEST IDEA...

A RESTRAINING DEVICE WITH A BOMB LIKE THIS IS USUALLY DESIGNED TO EXPLODE WHEN FORCEFULLY TAKEN OFF...

I STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT CLAUDE...

CAN'T YOU BREAK IT OPEN?

LET'S FIND A PLACE TO WAIT FOR CLAUDE TO CALL.

HEY...

BEEP! BEEP!

I'M AN IDIOT!!

THAT'S OUR BEST BET.

What an image!

WHOA!

くわっ!!

That's right... Heh heh...

It's been 20 years since...

LET'S GO THERE AND CALM DOWN.

OKAY!

IN THAT CASE, I KNOW A PLACE NEAR SCHOOL THAT MIGHT BE EMPTY.

AL-RIGHT. THEN ...

WELL, I GUESS WE'RE IN NO POSITION TO BE IN CLASS...

Our lives are at risk...

I DON'T WANT TO EMBARRASS MYSELF MORE!

I DON'T FEEL AT EASE AT SCHOOL!

THERE CAN'T BE ANYONE THERE!

IDIOT!

WHAT IF SOME-ONE'S THERE?!

SPLASH.

ニャアアアア

?!

BEEP!
BEEP!
WHAT?
WHY DID THE ALARM SOUND SPEED UP...?
!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
YOU...
...OKAY? TSUGUMI...
...DO I HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS?
ポタ.. PLIP
ポタ.. PLIP
WHY...
I'M SORR...
YOU IDIOT!! TELL ME QUICKLY!
ガーン
SHOCK
WHA...?!
!!

IF YOU DO, I'LL BREAK ALL YOUR BONES INTO PIECES AND...

PROMISE?! AND DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!

I GOT IT. HURRY UP!!

RRRMMM

*Tore off sleeve.

11°H...

FLAP...

I KNOW, I KNOW.

BEEP BEEP

LISTEN...

DON'T YOU DARE LOOK AT ME!!

11°H...

RUSTLE

What should I do...

SHAKKA

ブル

ブル

SHAKKA

THERE SHOULD BE SWEAT-SUITS IN THE CLASS-ROOM.

I'M FREEZING EVEN THOUGH I TOOK OFF MY WET CLOTHES.

UGH... I'M COLD.

LET'S GO.

NO.

WHAT AN IDIOT...

BEEP

DO YOU WANNA GET A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FIRST?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

WSSHHH

DON'T SUDDENLY TREAT ME SO NICE...

NO ONE WILL BE AROUND HERE.

YEAH.

IS THIS THE SPOT? ...

YOU'RE RIGHT... ...

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO UNTIL FOUR-EYES CALLS US.

ANYWAY, LET'S TAKE A BREAK.

I HEARD THIS IS A POPULAR DATING SPOT...

BUT IT GETS CROWDED ON WEEKENDS.

NOT ON WEEK-DAYS.

IT'S SURPRISING THAT NO ONE IS HERE FOR SUCH A GREAT SPOT.

...

HE'S KEEPING HIS COOL UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS.

SHEESH...

HOW EMBARRASSING. I'M THE ONE WHOSE HEART IS POUNDING.

...IS THE METER STILL POINTING RATHER HIGH?

WHY ...

I'M STILL OUT OF BREATH !!

SH- SHUT UP!

She's still angry ?

??

AND WE'RE HERE ALL ALONE...

DATING SPOT!!

HUH?

BEEP! BEEP!

I JUST NEED TO CALM MY HEART RATE!

WHP ﾌﾟﾙ WHP ﾌﾟﾙ

TCH... NO! THIS IS NO TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT!

...I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO GET ANYONE'S FULL ATTENTION AS A WOMAN...

I GUESS, UNLIKE THE MISTRESS...

THIS SHOULD BE...

MY HEART RATE HAS CALMED DOWN.

OKAY. I'M GOOD...

トクン...

BA-DUMP

トクン...

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP...

トクン...

OHM ...

JUST HOLD YOUR BREATH. ELIMINATE ANY MURDEROUS INTENT AND BLEND IN WITH NATURE...

THAT'S RIGHT. JUST REMEMBER THE FEELING OF ERASING ALL TRACES WHEN HUNTING DOWN A TARGET.

FOCUS...

LUB DUB

ドキッ

?!

FWOOOOO

WHY IS THIS?

WHAT?

ピ... BEEP...

ピ... BEEP...

NO WAY! MY HEART RATE SHOULD, WITHOUT A DOUBT, BE CALM...

WHY? WHY WON'T THE METER GO DOWN?

ピ... BEEP...

BEEP... ピ...

LUB DUB

HUH?

COULD IT BE...

...AS I AM?!

...THAT HE'S JUST AS NERVOUS...

VOOSH!

BLUSH

POP!!

!!!

?!

WHAT ?!

SORRY. IT SEEMS THERE WERE A FEW THINGS I FORGOT TO TELL YOU...

HELLO, SEISHIRO ?

...THAT NOTHING HAPPENED?

WELL, ISN'T IT GOOD...

What do I do with all this anger?

NOT GOOD!!

PLEASE GET RID OF THEM.

THEY'RE USELESS AFTER ALL.

WHAT THE HECK?!

THE BOMB WAS REMOVED SINCE THEY STOPPED USING THEM.

THE HAND-CUFFS I GAVE YOU...

Cuz it's dangerous.

THEY'RE DESIGNED TO AUTOMATICALLY UNLOCK ONCE YOUR HEART RATE GOES BEYOND A CERTAIN RATE.

AND THEY ALSO MADE ALTERATIONS.

BLUSH

カァ

...ァ?

WHY DID THE METER MAX OUT IN THE END?

BUT...

I DON'T CARE!

SHUT UP!!

SHUT...

WHY...

HEY...

So
warm...

HAVE A LOVELY EVENING!

SEE YOU TOMORROW, RAKU DEAREST!

Man, I'm sleepy!

キーン DING

"CHATTER" ガヤ ガヤ

SEE YA!

YOU TOO.

DONG

タタタタ TAK TAK TAK

HMM?

HOW COME TACHIBANA'S ALWAYS RUSHING OFF AFTER SCHOOL LATELY?

HEY...

TING-A-LING

SHAH...

I'VE GOT A CRAVING FOR FRIES!

HEY... WANNA STOP AT A DINER ON THE WAY HOME?

BUT SURE, WHY NOT?

UH, THAT'S RANDOM...

WHO KNOWS?

I HADN'T NOTICED.

Oh...

WONDER WHERE SHE GOES.

WELCOME!

HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY TODAY?

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SO, WHAT'S THE DEAL?

ooo

WHAT A THRILL! DID YOU TRACK ME DOWN?

OH! IT'S YOU, RAKU DEAREST!

YES.

MY FATHER WANTS ME TO LEARN THE WAYS OF THE WORLD.

REAL-LY?

YOU'RE WORKING PART-TIME AT A DINER?

That's kinda out of character...

UH-OH...

NOW, NOW. HASTE MAKES WASTE!

SEVEN TABLES ARE WAITING FOR THEIR ORDERS!!

TACHI-BANA!! CAN YOU HURRY UP?

Tee hee!

WHY, KIRISAKI! I RESENT THAT REMARK!

I CAN BE QUITE INDUS-TRIOUS, I ASSURE YOU!

WAIT... YOU'RE CAPABLE OF MANUAL LABOR?

Doubt it...

I DUNNO.

CAN SHE REALLY HANDLE THIS?

TAK TAK TAK

I'LL HAVE A SWEET BEAN PARFAIT.

I'LL HAVE SOME FRIES, PLEASE.

ANYWAY, WE'RE READY TO ORDER.

COMING RIGHT UP!!

NOT GOOD.

AAAAAAAUGH わおおお

HOW MANY DO YOU PLAN ON DROPPING ?!

YOU BROKE ANOTHER DISH?!

TACHIBANAAAA !?

あああ

Oh!

I KNOW ...

I'LL GET US SOME WATERS ...

...AND PEEK AT HOW SHE'S DOING.

OF COURSE, BOSS!

DON'T FORGET TO DESCRIBE THE DISHES TO THE CUSTOM-ERS!

カチャ KLINK

カチャ.. KLINK

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE DROPPING THEM!!

ﾎﾞﾌｯ FWMF

WE SHOULD FILE A COMPLAINT WITH HEAD-QUARTERS.

YOU KNOW, BOSS, THESE PLATES ARE AWFULLY SLIPPERY.

Hmm...

Easy does it..

カチャ.. KLINK

KLINK カチャ..

YES! RIGHT AWAY, BOSS!

REMEMBER— STELLAR CUSTOMER SERVICE!

ﾋﾞｭﾝ SHP !!

I'LL SWEEP THIS UP.

YOU GO AHEAD AND BRING THE FOOD OUT.

T-T-T-Tachibana!!

Yes, Boss? Is something wrong?

AAAAGH!!

HERE'S YOUR DIRT-CHEAP MEAT!

THANK YOU FOR WAITING, SIR!

ドンッ

Huh?

OH!

OUR FOOD! ♡

OH, RAKU DEAREST! THANK YOU FOR WAITING!!

YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW.

HUH?

HOW'S SHE DOING?

コトリ...

DINK...

BON APPETIT! ♡

ホワ…

FOOF

OH!

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, KIRISAKI?

WHAT'S UP WITH THE UNFAIR SERVICE?!

DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!

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Whoa...

YOUR SWEET BEAN PARFAIT!

HERE, RAKU DEAREST!

KTUNK

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THAT'S WAY TOO MUCH!!

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SHOOP

ズラッ!!

VERY WELL ...

I'LL GIVE YOU EXTRA KETCHUP TO MAKE UP FOR IT.

WHY, KIRISAKI! AREN'T WE A LITTLE PIGGY!

AND WHO EVER HEARD OF SUCH A HUGE PARFAIT?!

HOW COME I ONLY GET ONE FRY?!

OH, YES...

HUH?

DO YOU TWO...

...GO TO SCHOOL WITH TACHIBANA?

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Sigh...

RIGHT AWAY, SIR!

TACHIBANA! THE OTHER TABLES NEED YOU!!

BANANA 7-7

SHE'S ALWAYS CHEERFUL AND SMILING.

THE CUS-TOMERS LOVE HER!

WELL, YOU SEE...

SHE MAKES PLENTY OF BLUNDERS, BUT SHE NEVER LETS IT GET HER DOWN.

She's kind of a hand-ful.

I KNOW THIS IS PROBABLY HARD ON YOUR BUSINESS...

LOOK, I'M SORRY.

Heh heh heh heh heh

Ha ha ha ha

SOB

OH, IT'S ALL RIGHT. I'VE GOTTEN USED TO IT.

OH?

BUT YOU KNOW...

...SHE EARNS HER KEEP AROUND HERE.

REALLY?

SOME PEOPLE COME JUST BECAUSE THEY LIKE HER.

カラーン コローン

VWSHH VWWSH

WELCOME!

WE'D RATHER NOT THINK ABOUT IT.

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY DISHES SHE'S BROKEN?

IF ONLY SHE WASN'T SO BAD AT WAITRESSING, I'D BE THRILLED.

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HOO より...

BLRFF

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TMP

WHATCHA WANNA EAT, RYU?

AIN'T BEEN TO A DINER IN AGES!

YO, I'M STARVED!

UH... YEAH.

Y-YOU KNOW THESE, ER... GENTLE-MEN?

HEY, YOUNG MASTER!

WHATTA COINCI-DENCE!

R-RYU?!

WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?!

カラン コロン…

WEL-COME!

UWSHH UWSHH

I'M GETTING A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

ANOTHER COINCIDENCE? THAT'S ODD.

WE WOULDN'T DREAM OF CAUSING YOU TROUBLE, WOULD WE, GANG?

OF COURSE, YOUNG MASTER!

OR FOR ANYONE ELSE! GOT THAT?

LISTEN, RYU. YOU GUYS BETTER BEHAVE YOUR-SELVES.

I DON'T WANT YOU CAUSING ANY TROUBLE IN HERE!

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BLRRF

WHAT'S THIS?

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SHOOP

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NOW, LET'S NOT CAUSE TOO MUCH OF A STIR.

I LOVE JAPANESE DINERS!

AW, YEAH. LET'S GET US SOME EATS!

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WELL, I APPRECI-ATE THAT.

...AND BE AS QUIET AS MICE.

WE'LL KEEP TO OUR-SELVES ...

NEVER FEAR, MIS-TRESS.

YEAH... SAME HERE!

...

I CER-TAINLY DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE!

WHY, YOUNG MIS-TRESS!

TUNK

ガタ..

HMM?

HOW COME THEY'RE ALL HERE?!

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?!

I JUST HOPE THIS DOESN'T GET OUT OF HAND!

DON'T ASK ME!!

IF IT AIN'T THE BEEHIVE BIGWIGS!

WHAT DO YOU USE, PIG URINE?

YOUR COLOGNE SMELLS LOVELY, AS ALWAYS!

WELL, WELL!

I THOUGHT I SMELLED SOME-THING RANK IN THE AIR!

IF IT ISN'T OUR GOOD FRIENDS, THE SHUEI-GUMI!

C'MON, DUMMY!

YOU KNOW WHAT WE HAFTA DO!

GREAT ...

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?!

UH-OH...

GRRRRRRR

WHAT?

A THOUSAND PARDONS, MISTRESS.

GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY...

SORRY 'BOUT THAT, YOUNG MAS-TER.

TAK TAK TAK

PHEW!

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TEE HEE!

YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO RUIN OUR DATE, WOULD YOU?

C'MON, NOW. YOU PROMISED TO BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR, REMEMBER?

HEY, NOW!

CALM DOWN, EVERYONE!

YOU TWO-TIMING OUR MISTRESS?

HEY, KID... WHO'S THE DAME?

KACHINK

YIKES! TIME OUT!!

GRRRRR

TWITCH

TWITCH

OH, RAKU DEAREST!

I'M ON A BREAK! WON'T YOU HAVE SOME TEA WITH ME, MY BELOVED?

SKWEE

ACK!

TACHI-BANA?!

YABBA YABBA

JUST PIPE DOWN, WOULD-JA?

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WHO'RE THESE PEOPLE?

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OKAY, CALM DOWN, EVERY-ONE!

A STUD LIKE OUR YOUNG MASTER CAN HAVE ALL THE FILLIES HE WANTS!

SHUT UP, FOUR EYES!

SHOOF

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YOU LIKE SWEET STUFF, DONCHA, COM-MANDER?

I'LL HAVE A MELON SODA!

I'm pooped!

WHEW! I THOUGHT THOSE DRILLS WOULD NEVER END!

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WELL, HELLO, MIGI-SUKE.

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE!

OH!

IT'S CHIEF TACHI-BANA'S DAUGH-TER!!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!

MISTRESS MARIKA!!

THEY KNOW TACHI-BANA!!

HUH?

WHAT'S THIS? A SWAT TEAM?

WHAT'RE THEY DOING HERE??

HEY!!

HUH?

NOW WE'VE GOT COPS TOO!

WE'VE ALREADY GOTTA BUNCH OF GANGSTERS AND YAKUZA HERE!

FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!

SO... I TAKE IT YOU'RE DECLARING OPEN WARFARE, COM-MANDER?

WELL, WELL. IF IT ISN'T THE COMMANDER OF THE SQUAD 1 SWAT TEAM.

YIKES! WE'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING, QUICK!!

GRRRRRRRR

GRRRRRRRR

JUST WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF...

WELL, WELL!

YOU SCUM-BAGS GOT SOME NERVE, DEBASING A FINE-DINING ESTABLISH-MENT!!

I THOUGHT YOUR FACES LOOKED FAMILIAR.

C-CLAUDE! EASY NOW!

GET BACK, PLEASE, MIS-TRESS.

THE BEEHIVE DOESN'T BACK DOWN FROM A FIGHT.

Y-Y-Y-YIKES! G-G-GOOD HEAVENS!!

THEY'LL DESTROY EVERYTHING!!

うおおおおおお AAAAAAAH

KRASH パリーン

死にさらせ豚共おおお DIE, PIGS!

AUGH! おお

FWAM バキ!! ドカ!! KPOW

バン!! SMASH

WHAT'S GOING ON?

権力の犬がおおおおお FILTHY DOGS!

止めろってこらえろよ STOP!

RYU!

LET'S TALK THIS OVER!

C'MON, MEN!

TIME TO RUMBLE!

おおおおおお YAAAAAH!

うおおおおおお GNAAAUGH

I CAN'T DO BUSINESS LIKE THIS!!

OH?

KRAK パリーン

KRASH ガシャーン!!

NO BUSI-NESS.

DINER GOES BROKE.

DINER CLOSES.

THERE GOES MY JOB.

CH-CH- シャカ シャカ

CHING! チーン!

WHAT'S UP, KITTEN?

MIS-TRESS MARIKA ?!

GET BACK!! YOU COULD GET HURT!

WE'LL HANDLE THIS...

FWSHHH すぅ

TACHI-BANA ?!

SHP

うぅ...

HMM?

DON'T YOU BE COMIN' IN HERE...

...BRAWLIN' LIKE A PACK OF MANGY ANIMALS!

DON'T MAKE ME GET MAD!!

WHAT'RE YA BUNCHA IDIOTS...

YOU WANNA FIGHT?

YANK

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THEN DO IT OUTSIDE!!

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BOOM

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Thank you.
Tachibana!
HOW EMBARRASSING!
YOUR BOSS SURE WAS RELIEVED.
ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL.
WHY, I COMPORTED MYSELF EVER SO CRUDELY!
I NEVER KNEW MARIKA HAD SO MUCH NERVE!
WOW, THAT WAS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.
OH?
I'M SURPRISED YOU'RE SO DEDICATED TO THIS JOB.
BUT...
YOU'RE SO APATHETIC ABOUT MOST STUFF...
A SECRET?
IN FACT... YES.
I INTENDED TO KEEP IT A SECRET.
THE TRUTH IS...
YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT.
I HAVE MOTIVES OF MY OWN FOR WORKING HERE.
OH, RAKU DEAREST, NOTHING ESCAPES YOU!

...I PREFER TO ACHIEVE IT BY THE SWEAT OF MY OWN BROW!

WHEN I WANT SOME-THING...

I'M WORKING TO SAVE MONEY FOR OUR MARRIAGE!

KA-FWUMP

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BLRF

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I'M SAVING UP...

...TO BUILD A LOVELY WHITE HOUSE WITH A BIG GARDEN ...

...ON A HILL OVER-LOOKING THE OCEAN!

YOU'RE GOING WAY OVERBOARD...

...

HEH HEH HEH ヘヘヘ...

The first'll be a girl!

AND WE'LL HAVE A BIG DOG AND TWO CHILDREN.

OH, I ASSURE YOU, RAKU DEAR-EST...

THAT'S THE CRAZIEST THING I EVER HEARD.

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING.

WORK-ING PART-TIME AT A DINER?

YOU'RE SAVING TO BUILD A HOUSE?

...

HUH?

GRIN

...ABSO-LUTELY SERIOUS.

I AM...

YEP.

THAT GIRL IS REALLY SOME-THING.

YOU GOTTA HAND IT TO HER...

SWEET DREAMS!

WELL, GOOD NIGHT, YOU TWO!

ANOTHER LONG DAY!

PHEW!

Yawn

HOME SWEET HOME...

パタン...

KCHAK

WHAT KIND OF HOUSE D'YA WANNA LIVE IN WHEN YOU GROW UP?

TELL ME...

...HOUSE?

WHAT KIND OF...

SHP

HEY, RAKU?

A SUPER BIG HOUSE, FULL OF DOGS AN' ANIMALS AN' STUFF...

WITH WINGS SO IT COULD FLY THROUGH THE SKY!

WELL... A HOUSE WAY UP HIGH, BY THE OCEAN...

SHOOP

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TEE HEE!

カポーン
FWAAA
TAKING BATHS WITH YOU REMINDS ME OF WHEN WE WERE KIDS!
AHHH! HEAVEN-LY!
YES, ME TOO.
THE YOUNG MISTRESS AND I FREQUENTLY TAKE BATHS TOGETHER.

Bonus Comic: Hot Water

ドーパァアン!!
KA-SPLOOSH!!
AIEE!!
YOU TAUGHT ME HOW TO SQUIRT WATER WITH MY HANDS WHEN WE WERE KIDS, REMEMBER? WELL, I'VE GOTTEN REALLY GOOD AT IT!
SPLISH... ﾊﾞｼｬ…
WHAT?
LOOK, TSUGUMI!
OKAY... HERE GOES!
SPLISH ｼｬｰﾌﾟ
SHOW ME!
IS THAT SO?

FIRST, I FLOAT A HAND TOWEL IN THE TUB...

ヒラリ...
DROP

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO PUT TOWELS IN THE TUB!

SO ANY-WAY... I CAME UP WITH A NEW BATH TRICK!

A NEW BATH TRICK?

REAL-LY?

HOW WAS THAT?

PERFECT, RIGHT?

PERFECT ISN'T THE WORD...

BEYOND MASTERY...

DRIP ポタ..

DRIP ポタ..

YIKES!! THAT'S DANGER OUS!!

Stop, please !!

KSHOO SHOO SHOO

KSHOO SHOO SHOO

WALKING ON WATER !!

Yep.

We stayed in too long.

Young Mistress ?!

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HA HA HA...

...IS ONE OF THE HARDEST PARTS OF MY JOB.

TAKING BATHS WITH THE YOUNG MIS-TRESS...

AS YOU CAN SEE...

WAH HA HA HA HA HA...

Bonus Comic: Hot Water (END)

NISEKOI BONUS COMIC!!

Magical Confectioner Kosaki!!

There! Our agreement is complete, Kosaki, my dear!
Yes, Master Rurin!
I hereby dub thee "Magical Confectioner Kosaki"! You will bring peace and happiness to the people of the world!
Sound good?

What?
You don't mind, do you?
Whenever you transform into Magical Confectioner Kosaki, you'll be stark naked for a few seconds.

EEEEEK!!

VWHSHH

What did you just say?

Stark naked?!

VWHSHH

Ready, set, presto change-o!

SHWOO!

EEP!!

YEEK!

FWHOO!

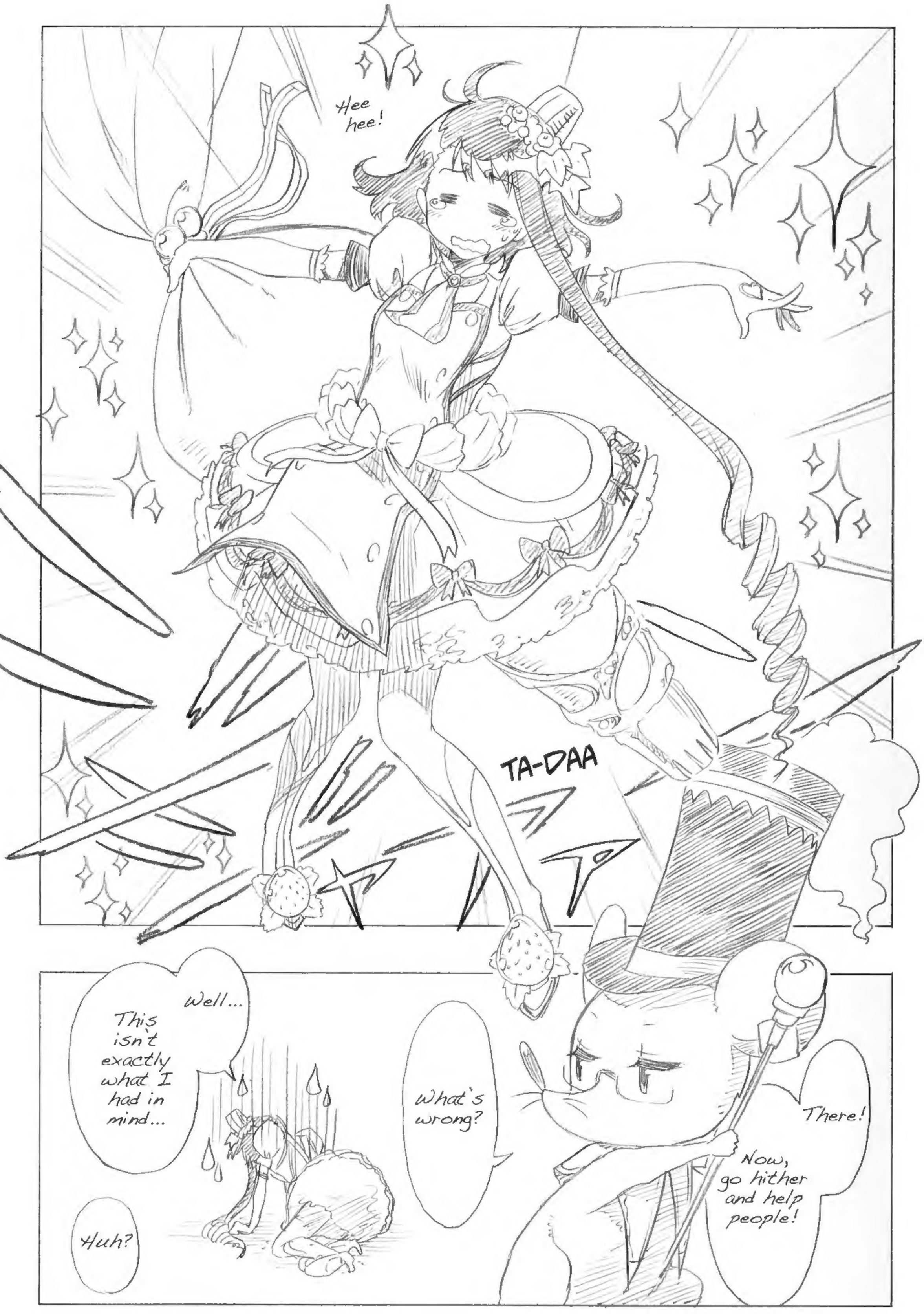
FWOOP

SHAAA

VOOSH!

POOF!

YIKES!!



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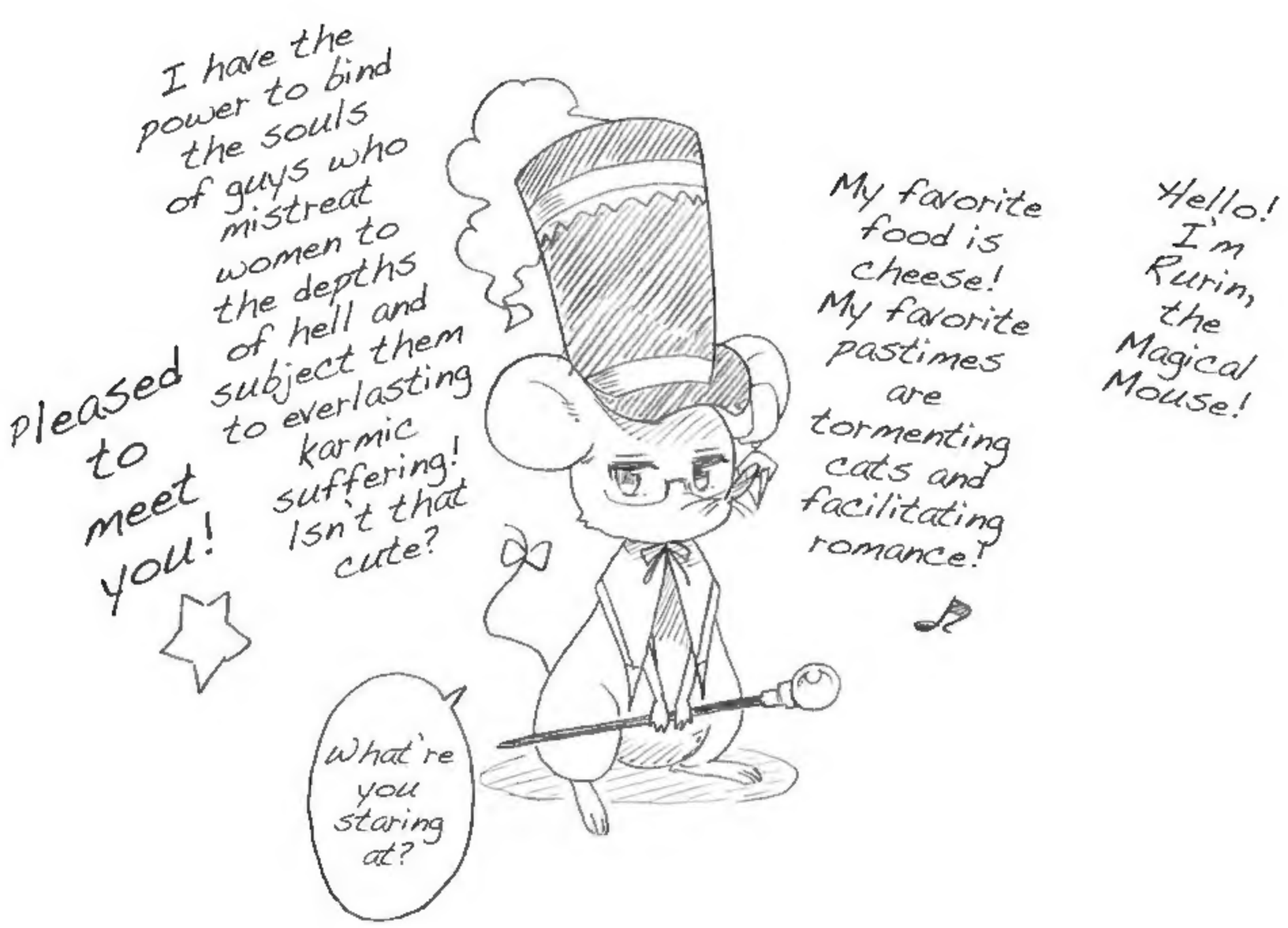
I have the power to bind the souls of guys who mistreat women to the depths of hell and subject them to everlasting karmic suffering! Isn't that cute?
Pleased to meet you!
My favorite food is cheese! My favorite pastimes are tormenting cats and facilitating romance!
Hello! I'm Rurin, the Magical Mouse!
What're you staring at?